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## NEWSWATCH

**Caused a buzz**  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 16, (Reuters): US Vice-President Dan Quayle caused quite a buzz at the young Republicans national convention here yesterday when he got a minor astronaut mixed up with a disgraced congressman.

He told delegates at the convention that Americans would soon observe the 20th anniversary of "Neil Armstrong and Buzz Lukens" walk on the moon.

Quayle was referring to the first moon landing and really meant to refer to astronaut Buzz Aldrin. Donald E. (Buzz) Lukens is a 58-year-old Republican congressman who was recently sentenced to 30 days jail for contributing to the unfitness of a minor after being convicted of having sex with a 16-year-old girl.

**Iran voices concern**  
NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 16, (AP): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati today called on Bulgaria to protect the rights of its Muslim minority, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, headquartered in Nicosia, said Velayati told Bulgarian Foreign Undersecretary Lubomir Popov that his country should "make utmost efforts not to let the rights of Muslims be trampled on."

He said the Islamic republic was concerned about the fate of all Muslims. IRNA reported.

**Buried in landslide**  
TOKYO, July 16, (AP): A landslide buried a bus on a seaside road today, and news reports said eight people were killed and seven were missing.

The bus was travelling along the coast of the Sea of Japan in Fukui prefecture, 320 kilometres (200 miles) west of Tokyo, when it was buried by large rocks and dirt from an overhanging cliff, police spokesman Noboru Tsujikawa said.

**Jibril's backing**  
NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 16, (AP): Leaders of the Palestinian faction suspected of bombing a Pan Am jet over the Lebanese coast, believed to link groups holding Western hostages have pledged support for Iran's new religious leader, the official news agency reported today.

It said that Capt Ahmad Jibril, head of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command was one of a group of Palestinian and Lebanese Shiite Muslim leaders who met Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in Tehran yesterday.

**20 feared drowned**  
NEW DELHI, July 16, (KUNA): Twenty people were feared drowned when a government owned transport bus was washed away in flash flood in Nalgonda district of Andhra Pradesh state this morning. According to a report received here the bus was swept to a distance of 150 metres after the driver stopped it on noticing that "Uppavagu" river was overflowing.

Over fifty people were travelling in the bus. While some people swam to safety the remaining could not swim and were feared drowned.

**Moscow visit**  
MOSCOW, July 16, (KUNA): Raul Revilla Manglapus, secretary of foreign affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, arrives in Moscow today at the invitation of the Soviet government. Tass news agency reported.

The Soviet Union welcomes his visit and expresses hope that the visit will promote the deepening of a closer Philippine political dialogue and the expansion of the two countries' bilateral relations in various spheres, daily Izvestia said today in commentary on his visit.

## Karajan dies at 81

VIENNA, Austria, July 16, (AP): Herbert von Karajan, the world-renowned Austrian conductor, died at his home near Salzburg today at the age of 81, a spokesman at the Salzburg festival said.

The maestro had been in frail health after years of illness and trouble walking to the podium.

His death was confirmed by Bert Moser, president of the Salzburg festival.

Acclaimed as one of the world's greatest conductors, Karajan also earned the reputation of a temperamental genius, a considered conducting "a story, and nearly unexplainable" sometimes stormy marriage for life" with the violinist pianist, and one of the most highly publicised, de-analysed and perhaps least understood relationship in the musical world.

His 35-year marriage ended April 1989, when the ailing Karajan resigned.

## Standing ovation for 'Sun Lark' as Fairuz ends 14-year Egyptian drought

# 'Jerusalem is ours'

GIZA, Egypt, July 16, (Reuters): Fairuz, the Arab world's most popular living singer, struck a patriotic chord when she treated rapturous fans to a song evoking the return of occupied Jerusalem to the Arabs at a concert among Egypt's pyramids.

Thousands clapped and swayed into the small hours of today as the Lebanese virtuoso, performed in Egypt for the first time in 14 years.

Her wide range of songs included a stanza from the emotionally charged "Jerusalem", which has been unofficially banned in Egypt since the 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

"The house is ours, Jerusalem is ours," sang Fairuz, dubbed "Sun Lark" for her sweet and

powerful voice.

Against the backdrop of the floodlit 4,600-year-old Sphinx, she sang:

"With our hands, we'll regain the glory of Jerusalem

"With our hands, peace is coming to Jerusalem

"Coming, coming, coming."

To a standing ovation and thunderous applause she repeated the lines of the anti-Israeli song to the delight of the audience, estimated 3,000-4,000.

Israel occupied Arab east Jerusalem in the 1967 war with its Arab neighbours, and later annexed it, declaring the city its eternal capital.

Saudi concert organiser Enad Khashoggi has

said he chose Egypt as the venue for one of Fairuz' rare concerts because of its return in May to the Arab League, ending a 10 year break.

Singing the first of three concerts entitled "Egypt, your golden sun is back," Fairuz, 54, mixed the old and the new in her wide-ranging repertoire.

She is said to be so popular in Lebanon that she can at any time walk unharmed across the Green Line — the heavily guarded frontier between warring Christian East and Muslim West Beirut.

The Christian daughter of a poor printer who got her first break at 14 on a Lebanese radio station, Fairuz says she feels like "a fish out of water" when she leaves her homeland.



Fairuz, 54, performs during a concert in Giza near Cairo last night. (Reuters wirephoto)



An Afghan man, splattered in blood, stands amidst the rubble after a car bomb exploded in the city centre of Kabul yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Islamic ideology will stay in Iran

NICOSIA, July 16, (AP): Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, who is likely to become Iran's next president, says "Iran has no intention of exporting its fundamentalist revolution, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported today."

The agency, quoted Rafsanjani as telling the Jomhuri Islami daily in an interview that Iran will continue to promote Islam but "this doesn't mean interference in the affairs of others."

"We will also not seek hegemonism... we do not want to strain relations with the countries which would like to have healthy ties with us," he said in a wide-ranging interview published today.

Rafsanjani's remarks indicated that Iran is anxious to allay fears it is committed to establishing Islamic regimes in other Muslim nations.

"We believe peace and security should rule the region in order to make construction possible and should also strip foreign powers of pretexts for increased presence in the region," Rafsanjani said.

**Favourite**

Rafsanjani, considered the leader of Iran's pragmatic faction in the power struggle between moderates and hardliners, is the overwhelming favourite in a presidential election to be held July 28.

He is a close political ally of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, also considered a moderate, who was elected as Iran's supreme leader after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini on June 3.

Rafsanjani said in the interview that Islam would remain a cornerstone in Tehran's policy-making but made it clear that promoting Islam was a matter of words, not action.

"We will say our words to the world and to Muslims... among the duties the revolution has placed on our shoulders is to convey the divine message," he said.

He reiterated earlier statements that Iran would steer a political course that was "between East and West."

"We will under no circumstances let the revolution be influenced by the demands of East and West," he said.

Rafsanjani also admitted Iran was critically short of technical experts and managers needed to develop the economy. "The needs of skilled Iranians have left the country and educational standards have declined during the years of revolutionary fervor and the eight-year war with Iraq."

**Suffer**

"We particularly suffer from an acute shortage of researchers," he said. "Our quantitative condition is not good and there are many talents being wasted due to the poor level of education."

He noted that industries were running at only 30-40 per cent of capacity because of severe shortages of "materials, energy or parts."

Rafsanjani said Iran was committed to making peace with Iraq after the Gulf war, halted by a United Nations-mediated ceasefire last Aug 20, but had set no date for resuming peace talks "because the talks are still immature."

Four rounds of UN-sponsored talks aimed at concluding a peace treaty have failed to make any progress. The negotiations are stalled over the issue of troop withdrawals to pre-war boundaries and sovereignty over the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway.

## Rajiv pursuing rapprochement

We will reach the goal: Benazir

ISLAMABAD, July 16, (Agencies): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, pursuing a step-by-step rapprochement with his country's traditional foe Pakistan, flew into Islamabad today on the official visit to Pakistan by an Indian leader in almost three decades.

"Every long journey starts with a first short step," his Pakistani counterpart Benazir Bhutto told reporters as Rajiv's Boeing 747 taxied in to a 19-gun salute. "God-willing, we will reach the goal (of good relations)."

The hostility and mutual suspicion between South Asia's main military powers has been such that Rajiv is the first Indian prime minister to pay a purely bilateral visit to the neighbouring state for nearly three decades.



Rajiv (right) arrives in Islamabad yesterday, received at the airport by Benazir. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Worst artillery duels

# Beirut rocked

BEIRUT, July 16, (AP): Syrian and Christian gunners blasted Beirut with about 1,500 shells and rockets overnight, setting apartment buildings ablaze in one of the heaviest duels in nearly two months, police said today.

They said at least one person was killed and 27 were wounded in the bombardment from dusk yesterday to dawn today which left dozens of cars smoldering in the streets of Beirut's Muslim and Christian sectors.

The new casualties raised the overall toll to 418 dead and 1,673 injured since the current round of Lebanon's civil war broke out March 8 between Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun's mostly Christian troops and the Syrian Army.

Tens of thousands of residents spent the night in basements and bomb shelters as shells and rockets rained down on the city, which has been without electricity and water for 48 hours.

There was a two-hour lull at daybreak, allowing people to venture out to supermarkets and bakeries for food supplies. The shelling resumed at mid-morning.

"It's almost two months since we were pounded with such intensity," said a resident of the Christian district of Sin El Fil in

East Beirut. Refusing to be named, he said 40 rockets hit his neighbourhood inside a minute.

The duels began with a Syrian barrage on the coastline of the Christian enclave to block shipments of food, fuel and arms supplies from reaching the Christians by sea.

Police said Aoun's gunners struck back with 155mm howitzers, targeting Syrian batteries along West Beirut's seaside districts of Ein Mreisseh, Raouche and Ramlet Al Baida.

"The shelling then steadily escalated into random bombardment of residential neighbourhoods," said a police spokesman who cannot be named under standing regulations.

A spokesman for Aoun's command, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the overnight shelling targeted two ships that were trying to enter the Port of Byblos, 19 miles (30 kilometres) north of Beirut.

"One fuel tanker managed to slip through the Syrian barrage, while the other ship that carried food supplies veered back toward international waters," the spokesman said.

He would not give the ships' identities or say who owned them.

The two prime ministers held two hours of formal talks today. Officials said that the talks were held in a constructive and cordial atmosphere.

Assisted by their respective aides, Rajiv and Benazir discussed bilateral ties, regional situation and international issues in a detailed manner. The aides included the foreign ministers.

Rajiv and Benazir decided to remove hurdles in way of normalization of Indo-Pak relations through mutual steps. They expressed their resolve and determination to take all necessary steps to improve their relations.

The two prime ministers also discussed the development which took place in the South Asian region after the December 1988 summit of the 7-nation South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation, officials said. This meant that they discussed the deteriorating relations between India and Sri Lanka on the question of withdrawal of Indian troops from Sri Lanka and between India and Nepal on the refusal of India to sign a new transit and trade agreement with the landlocked country of Nepal.

Benazir and Rajiv are to hold a news conference tomorrow morning before Rajiv's return to India.

Commenting on her right-wing opposition at home, Benazir told a news conference at Islamabad airport that "our opponents are unhappy because they have been trying for the last 10 years to do what we have done in six months."

After a ceremonial honour guard, Rajiv left the airport without talking to reporters. He then met with Pakistan's President Ghulam Ishaque Khan for what a government official called a courtesy call.

Benazir said she and Rajiv had an informal exchange of views on Afghanistan when they met in Paris. "When there is still civil war going on in Afghanistan, good relations between India and Pakistan have a sobering effect," she said.

The Afghan conflict has caused tensions in the past but the diplomats said they did not expect the issue to disrupt today's talks in Islamabad.

Eleven political parties that operate in Kashmir organised a protest march in the nearby city of Rawalpindi to coincide with Rajiv's arrival.

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## US to open Afghan arms tap

WASHINGTON, July 16, (Reuters): The White House has decided to increase arms supplies to Afghan rebels to counter a big increase in Soviet arms shipments to the Kabul government, the Washington Post reported today.

The Post, quoting unidentified administration officials, said supplies would include ordnance capable of destroying airfields and aircraft.

The Post said the new American supplies would enable mujahideen rebels to counter Afghan government tactics.

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## Premadasa escapes stoning at funeral

MADRAS, India, July 16, (Reuters): Mourners buried stones at Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa today when he arrived in Trincomalee to pay tribute to two slain Tamil leaders, a spokesman for a Tamil group said here.

A spokesman for the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) said Premadasa was not injured.

Premadasa had gone to Trincomalee in northeastern Sri Lanka to pay homage to Tamil United Liberation Front leaders Appapillai Amirthalingam and Vettivelu Yogeswaran who were shot dead in Amirthalingam's home in the capital Colombo last Thursday.

India has blamed guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam separatist group. Colombo is currently involved in peace talks with the Tigers. The Tigers have denied involvement in the attack.

The EPRLF spokesman said that before Premadasa arrived posters appeared in Trincomalee

accusing him of "using Tamils to kill Tamils." Mourners also shouted slogans asking the President to go back. Premadasa left after observing a two-minute silence.

Both Amirthalingam and Yogeswaran were moderate Tamil leaders. The three assassins were shot dead by security guards.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Muthuvel Karunanidhi said: "To think that the killing of these leaders was the only way to achieve one's goals and dreams is totally unacceptable to us."

Amirthalingam and Yogeswaran had led a non-violent campaign in the past 15 years for Tamil homeland in northeastern Sri Lanka. Tamils form 13 per cent of its 16 million population.

The Indian-backed EPRLF rules Sri Lanka's northeastern provincial council and maintains close contacts with New Delhi. It is opposed to the withdrawal of Indian troops from the island.

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## Ethnic unrest claims 11 lives in Soviet Caucasus

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): A campus dispute flared into a riot that killed 11 people and injured 127 in Sukhumi, capital of Abkhazia in the Soviet Republic of Georgia, the official Tass news agency reported today.

Georgian and Abkhazian residents had disagreed over the percentage of each ethnic group that would be allowed into the Sukhumi branch of Tbilisi State University, according to a joint dispatch by Tass and its Georgian affiliate Gruzinform.

Fighting broke out last night and lasted

into the early morning hours today, it said.

"In the clashes, stones, sticks, firearms and cold steel were used," the report said. It did not give the number killed or injured on each side.

"Measures are being taken to render help to those wounded, to restore public order and tranquillity," the report said. "The situation is now being controlled by police and troops of the Interior Ministry," the dispatch said.

Georgia's senior official, Communist Party first secretary Givi Gumardize, rushed to

Abkhazia along with law enforcement officials seeking to restore order. Party and government officials "appealed to the population to be rational and responsible and assist law enforcement authorities in stabilising the situation," the joint report said.

The unrest came in the days before a scheduled late July meeting of the Communist Party central committee to debate the nationalities problems that have accompanied the reforms of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

## Bashir rules out political links

By Shaker Al Jouhari

MEMBER of the Sudanese Revolutionary Council (junta), Col. Martin Marol Arob said he would quit the revolutionary council if he discovers any relation linking Sudanese military leader Gen. Omar Bashir and the Islamic Front.

In an exclusive interview with Al Seyassah/Arab Times, Arob who is one of the three members from South Sudan in the revolutionary council said: "It does me no honour to remain in the council if it has links with the Islamic Front and added that Gen. Bashir had told him that neither he nor members of the revolutionary council have any singular political ambitions. "I have accepted Bashir's statement at face value, Arob said, but added: "If these assurances some day prove unfounded, no force can compel me to remain a member and I will certainly quit."

This opinion has been conveyed directly to Bashir, the official commented.

Queried if his sentiments were in accord with the other two South Sudan members in the council, he said that they have not discussed the issue collectively. But added: "I believe they have identical opinions."

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# Elderly stir Europe into action

## Experts cast aside gloomy visions of crowded old-age homes

LONDON, July 16, (AP): Countries from West Germany to Greece are studying how fewer young workers will support strained pension and health-care systems as Western Europe ages.

Parts of Europe have the world's highest populations of elderly people, and governments are recognising the change. In the faster-aging north, retirees may comprise 40 per cent of some areas by 2040.

But the experts are casting aside gloomy visions of crowded old-age homes and broken economies. They say the bulk of the older population will be comfortable and have money to spend.

"Europe is in the position to be the first to enter a new social world, so what we decide to do is of great importance. Only now is anybody taking any notice of it," says Peter Laslett, a Cambridge University expert on aging.

"We can't look at it simply in terms of a burden," says Laslett, who himself is 73. "It's an enormous challenge for human beings for the first time to use their whole potential."

Demographers say that while the developing world will catch up quickly, Europe has more than twice the global proportion of elderly, or 12.4 per cent, and northern Europe has 2.5 times the world average.

Southern Europe, with its higher birth-rates, is aging less rapidly. By the year 2000 every fourth person will be over 65 in Western Europe, by one estimate.

Experts say the rising population of elderly is due to falling birthrates and advances in medicine.

Some say Europe has been slow to

recognise the magnitude of the change.

"We're waking up to it late in the day," says Sally Greengross, secretary-general of Eurolink Age, a coalition promoting the cause of the 60 million over-60s in the European Economic Community.

France forbids forced retirement and job advertisements aren't allowed to set age limits. But other nations, says Eurolink Age, have yet to follow suit.

The 12-nation European Economic Community plans a "year of the elderly" but bureaucratic delay has postponed it to 1991.

The EEC budget for elderly affairs more than doubled in 1988, but only to the equivalent of \$738,000.

Pensions are the primary concern, prompting fears that future workers could

pay hefty proportions of their salaries to support pensioners.

West Germany estimates 40 per cent of its population will be over 65 by 2040, and its employers federation says employees would have to pay 36 per cent of their salaries, or double today's rate, to sustain benefits.

The West German cabinet has proposed reforms, including hiking the retirement age for women from 60 to 65, the age at which men retire.

Italy is considering similar action. Most EEC citizens can receive retirement benefits at 60 or 65. Danes work the latest, to 67, and Italian women leave at 55.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government has acted to abolish a \$130 weekly limit on what pensioners can earn before losing some benefits.

## Soviet N-sub ablaze

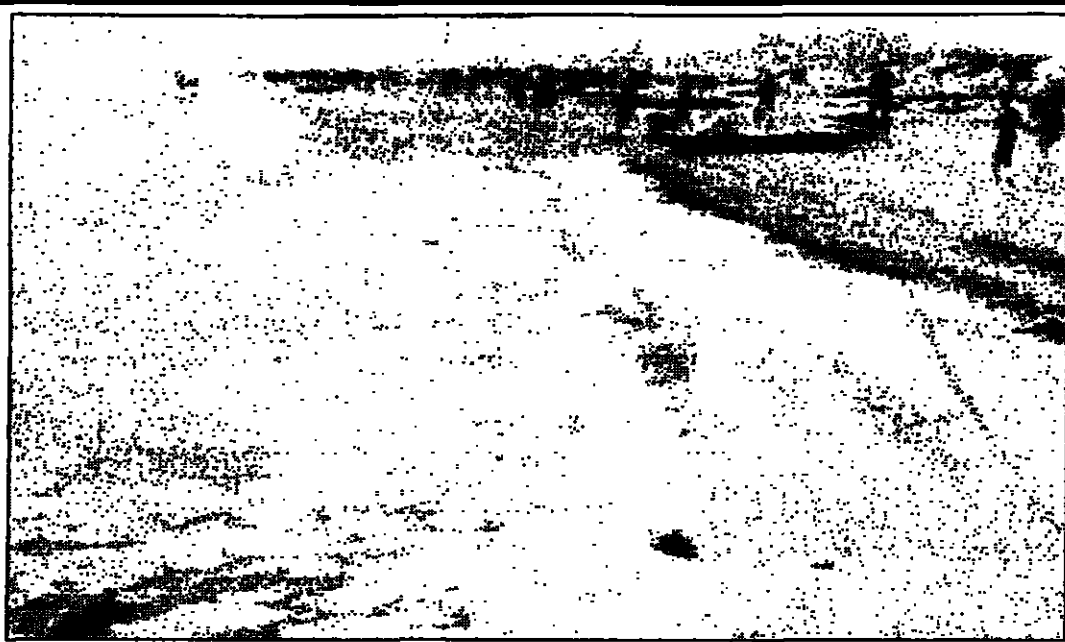
OSLO, July 16, (Reuters): Fire broke out on board a Soviet nuclear-powered submarine off northern Norway today, in the third major accident to hit Moscow's underwater fleet in the area in four months.

The Norwegian Defence Ministry said the Alpha-class attack submarine had been spotted by a Norwegian vessel, smoke billowing from its conning-tower and under tow on the surface, just before 1500 GMT.

"We do not think, from the information that we have so far, that the situation is so dramatic, but we are not sure," said ministry spokesman Erik Senstad.

A Soviet tugboat was towing the vessel, which may also have been carrying nuclear weapons, the ministry said.

The submarine was thought to come from the huge northern fleet, based on the nearby Kola peninsula around the port of Murmansk. Norway's Foreign Ministry said it was making contact with Moscow, but had no further comment.



Tourists are forced to walk on the sand as they stroll along the beach past the yellow slime which is washing up on many beaches in the Adriatic Sea. Many holiday-makers have cancelled their travel plans. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Resort to erect barriers against slime

RIMINI, Italy, July 16, (Reuters): Officials in the Italian Adriatic resort of Rimini have decided to erect a floating barrier to prevent a carpet of glue-like slime from hitting the beaches.

The local council agreed at an emergency meeting yesterday to spend 416 million lire (\$320,000) on the two-km (1.5-mile) barrier along part of the Rimini coast, one of Italy's biggest tourist money-spinners.

The dirty-white froth, caused by pollution and rotting algae, has caused a slump of up to 40 per cent in the tourist trade in Rimini and other resorts along the coast since it first appeared 10 days ago.

The Health Ministry has said the slime is not harmful but has advised children, the elderly and anyone with cuts and grazes not to go into the sea when the sticky mass is present.

"The sea is effectively out of bounds anyway because nobody wants to dive into that stuff. The economy of the entire region is on the rocks," Rimini hotelier Mario Petrucci said at a traders' meeting.

Tourist officials say hotels along the 200-km (125-mile) Adriatic coast are set to lose more than two trillion lire (\$1.4 billion) this season.

## Threat halts cocaine fight

WASHINGTON, July 16, (AP): President George Bush's plan to combat cocaine at the South American source is all but dead just months after its inception, according to officials who cite poor planning and a lack of coordination.

The plan to eradicate and intercept cocaine in Peru and Bolivia — the world's main coca plant producers — also suffered serious setbacks because the two Andean nations are rife with corruption, lack resources and face enormous economic and political problems, the officials say. In Peru, the largest coca leaf grower, an ambitious US programme has been halted because increasing guerrilla activity threatened American personnel.

South America was to be the battleground for stopping the cocaine flow into the United States. Bush, in his presidential campaign, called for an "international strike force to hit back, quick and hard and often at foreign drug operations" to stop narcotics production at the source.

Most of the world's coca leaves, the source of cocaine, grow in Peru's upper Huallaga valley, a lush region at the foothills of the Andes known as the "Cocaine Cradle." The sprawling region is a stronghold of leftist guerrillas known as Sendero Luminoso.

US efforts to operate in the region and set up Bush's strike force were halted because of the security threat, said a spokeswoman for the State Department's bureau of international narcotic matters.

Ground-level eradication, already inefficient because it is done by hand, was slowed further. Aerial spraying, which would effectively stop the plants' four harvests a year, is banned by Bolivian law and repeatedly put off in Peru.

Attempts by about a dozen agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration to locate and destroy makeshift cocaine laboratories and clandestine airstrips have been curtailed by the guerrilla activity, forcing agents to move out of the region and ferry in by helicopter for days.

With the strike force approach stalled, DEA agents are falling back on longstanding programmes of advising local authorities. They continue to train Peruvian police while work goes on in the upper Huallaga valley to shore up security against the guerrillas for American personnel to operate full-time in the region.

At the same time, DEA agents will be undergoing a course tailored for them by the US Army later this month. Charles J. Gutsmuth, chief of cocaine investigations for the DEA, said in an interview that the training is primarily to teach the agents to deal with Peru's jungle environment and the guerrillas operating there.

US officials still disagree on where prime responsibility for the South American drug mission should lie, with options ranging from the DEA, whose primary role is law enforcement, to the US armed forces, which would go after the traffickers and growers using counterinsurgency tactics.

The CIA, noting the lack of definition, set up a counter narcotics centre in April to "combine operational and analytical support to our country's fight against international drug trafficking," said spokesman Bill Devine.

He said the plan is to unite the intelligence community — the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Defence Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the customs service and the DEA.

Declining to elaborate on the mechanics of the CIA centre, Devine added: "The whole idea is to prevent overlap, for everyone to read from the same book."



Dinner time

The Duke and Duchess of York head for a dinner hosted by the premier of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown on Saturday. The black tie dinner was held on the final night of their visit to the island. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Fight against drugs

### Experts to meet

PARIS, July 16, (UPI): Leaders of the seven largest industrial democracies today pledged an intensified fight against illicit narcotics trade and drug money laundering.

They resolved to strengthen the United Nations and other international organisations engaged in the war against drugs by stopping cultivation and manufacture of narcotics at the source.

They also announced a meeting of experts to undertake actions to prevent traffickers from using the banking system and financial institutions to launder money.

The section in the communiqué on the issue made these main points: "Growing dimensions" of the drug problem raise an "urgent need for decisive action both on a national and international basis."

UN and other multilateral organisations should be supported, strengthened and made more effective, especially in implementing programmes to stop drug cultivation and trading.

The summit resolved "to strengthen the role of the United Nations in the war against drugs through an increase in its resources and through reinforced effectiveness of its operation."

The seven wealthiest nations will support the international conference planned for 1990 on cocaine and drug demand reduction. A "special group of experts from summit participants and other countries interested in these problems" will be convened to reinforce measures "to prevent the utilization of the banking system and financial institutions for the purpose of money laundering" and revise laws and legislation "so as to enhance multinational judicial assistance" in catching the launderers.

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## Neo-Nazi's love life stirs debate

JOHANNESBURG, July 16, (Reuters): Fresh controversy has erupted over the behaviour of Eugene Terre Blanche, the fiery leader of South Africa's biggest neo-Nazi party, and his relationship with a blonde newspaper columnist.

A Johannesburg newspaper, the Sunday Times, charged that Terre Blanche had seduced columnist Ian Allan and had spent a night asleep sprawled in a passageway outside her flat when the refused to let him in, apparently after he had been drinking.

Terre Blanche and Allan have denied romantic involvement. He was not available to comment on Sunday's newspaper reports. The Times, for which Allan works as a columnist, said that in a separate incident a bomb had gone off outside Allan's flat. While no link had

been established with any extremist group, Allan had been placed under 24-hour guard.

"Secret shame of AWB boss," said a headline on a report in the Sunday Star. The AWB is the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (Afrikaner Resistance Movement), the organisation which ex-police officer Terre Blanche heads.

Terre Blanche and Allan first touched off a furor last December when police found them one night in a car inside the grounds of revered Afrikaner monument near Johannesburg.

A court cleared Terre Blanche of charges of demolishing the gates of the monument grounds with his car, and he survived a rebellion by senior AWB members.

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# Study links family stress and chronically ill child's health

ST LOUIS, July 16, (UPI) — Reducing family stress can be critical in keeping a chronically ill child's disease under control, according to a study released yesterday.

In a study of 53 children with insulin-dependent diabetes, researcher Wendy Auslander found family stress was the most significant factor influencing the children's metabolic stability.

The less stress, the better they managed their diabetes — a disease that affects one million children in the United States.

Auslander, a specialist in medical social work at Washington University, undertook the study to determine what social and psychological influences exist in managing diabetes.

"You can generalize these findings to

other diseases like cystic fibrosis, asthma, renal disease and leukemia," said Auslander. "In all of these cases, a family must make changes in its lifestyle and routine."

The study suggested that children less able to control the disease came from families with higher levels of marital stress, fewer financial resources and a lower level of communication and co-operation.

Medical advances have allowed Americans to manage their diseases at home. Every day, such families must make clinical decisions, ranging from what foods to eat to how and when to administer medications.

"Psychosocial variables tend to be minimized in controlling disease. But we need to look more closely at the interaction of psychosocial and physiological variables to get the whole

picture.

Her study targeted families of children with newly diagnosed diabetes. After waiting a year, the team employed questionnaires and interviews to assess the ability of the families to cope. The subjects were primarily white children from two-parent, middle-class homes.

The team chose one year because it is

a critical time for families. Good adaptation during that period can improve chances of preventing family problems and disease-related complications.

"It's important for kids to stay in good control," Auslander said. "Diabetes has some very serious, long-term complications. It's important to try and prevent complications so diabetic children may live their lives as normally as possible."

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEWARK, New Jersey: A benefit concert for the boys and girls clubs had special meaning for Alan Paul of the pop group the Manhattan Transfer, who got a start thanks to the organization.

The Boys Club of Newark provided him a college scholarship, private singing lessons and emotional encouragement, said Paul, a club trustee.

"They always let me sing at parties and other functions," said Paul. "That helped my self-esteem and made me believe in myself and my talent."

The benefit Monday at Newark Symphony Hall featured the Manhattan Transfer, a four-member a cappella group; Take Six, the Grammy award-winning Gospel group; and singer Dianna Warwick.

Paul said Ms Warwick, a family friend, took him to his first recording studio when he was 14 years old. (AP)

DES MOINES, Iowa: Dale Paulin's role as a lollipop boy — one of the Munchkins — in the 50-year-old film The Wizard of Oz is finally paying off.

Paulin, one of the few cast members still alive, has been hired to help promote the release of the movie's uncensored version on video next month.

"I haven't seen it myself, and I can't wait," said Paulin, who at 4 feet, 6 inches (1.37 meters) is more than one foot (30.5 centimeters) shorter than he was as a 16-year-old Munchkin.

It is the first time the movie starring Judy Garland has opened any doors for him, he said. (AP)

MIRAMAR, Florida: A fire extinguisher that could not take the heat burst and put out a small fire at a Day Care Centre, said fire-fighters who raced to the scene but were never needed.

"Unbelievable," said fire lieutenant Ed Murray. "Someone was watching over the building, because the fire already started."

The extinguisher hung from a nail above a table fan that short-circuited and caught fire Monday night. The extinguisher ruptured from the heat and sprayed its chemical contents all over the smoke-filled room, Murray said.

Fire-fighters ran into the crowded nursery school with hose stretched, ready to battle a blaze originally reported with flames shooting through the windows.

"They were very surprised. They felt the heat and couldn't find the fire," said Murray, a 25-year veteran of fighting fires. The fire caused about \$3,000 in damage. (AP)

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia: Moviegoers are too sloppy, so all eating and drinking in Kuala Lumpur cinemas will be banned, the mayor says.

Mayor Elyas Omar said Tuesday the move was to ensure the cleanliness of the theatres, which often are dirty because of empty food packets and drink containers being left behind by patrons.

"The cinemas should be clean places that provide comfort to patrons, not places for eating and drinking. If one wants to eat or drink, the place to do it is a stall or a restaurant," Elyas said at a meeting with three officials of Borneo Film Organization Ltd.

He suggested the theatres have a stand outside to sell food and drinks and for patrons to consume it there.

Elyas did not say what would be done to those ignoring the warning, but other officials said the law for banning littering in public places could be applied to the movie houses. Under this law, people face fines of up to \$185 even for flicking cigarette ashes. (AP)



Abandoned

A 15-year-old handicapped girl who was found on the steps of St. John's Anglican Church in St. John's Newfoundland a week ago is shown in an undated photo released by Newfoundland Police. She identified herself as Christina Yatsko. The girl, who suffers

from cerebral palsy, said through sign language that she arrived on a small boat and had been living in rural England. Police believe she may have been abandoned by her mother. (Reuter wirephoto)

ALBANY, New York: Women have won equal rights in the restroom under a law signed by Governor Mario Cuomo.

The law, dubbed the "Potty Parity" proposal, requires new buildings to have as many toilets for women as they do for men. The measure — subject of sometimes silly debate — passed the New York State Legislature 140-11 in June.

The lone dissenter, assemblyman Kamp Hannon, said women should have more toilets than men because women take longer in the bathroom. A Cornell University study called for women's rooms to have six toilets for every four in men's rooms, including urinals, Hannon said.

The law applies to any new building designed for public assembly and built after June 1, 1990. The number of toilets in a women's room would have to equal the number of urinals and toilet stalls in men's rooms.

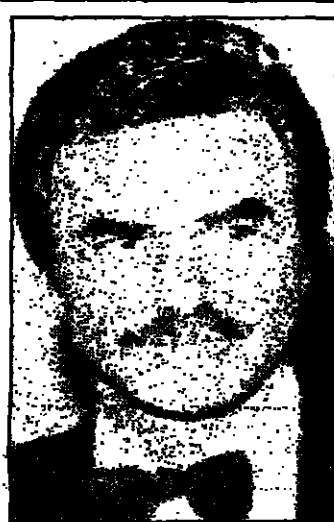
Two other states have similar laws, according to assembly sponsor Helen Marshall. (AP)

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: Merv Griffin was up to his old tricks, playing television host to a nostalgic visit for the days when big bands and bobby-soxers were the kings and queens of ballroom entertainment.

To the customers who have packed the superstar theatre in Griffin-owned Resorts International Casino-Hotel for a chance to see him in person and have a chance of winning a car or cash, the combination variety-game shows were little more than a novelty.

But as chairman of Merv Griffin Enterprises, a subsidiary of Columbia Entertainment, Griffin sees the show as the foundation for a new nationally televised variety-game show originating from his Casino-Hotel on the Boardwalk.

"It's something that's never been done before, entertainment co-mingling with a game show," he said. "If the show does become a television regular, do not expect to see the 64-year-old Griffin install himself as host. I just want to perfect it, get it right and then turn it over to someone else to host," he said. (AP)



Reynolds: selling A changed man

Marriage has changed Burt Reynolds, right down to his real estate. Reynolds, who married actress Lori Anderson a year ago, is selling the Mediterranean-style house in Los Angeles he bought as a bachelor pad in 1978.

The two-story house featuring a pool, gymnasium and wine cellar, being purchased by a California couple for just under \$5 million, the Los Angeles Times quoted unidentified real estate sources as saying.

The house has been on the market for about a year. Reynolds decided to sell the house, which has two guest houses and a projection room, because he and Miss Anderson have spent most of their time in Florida, said real estate agent Jon Aaroe.

NEW YORK: Lauren Chapin has been a 4-year-old sex abuse victim, a 16-year-old bride, a 17-year-old alcoholic, a heroin addict, a call girl, a check forger and an unmarried mother.

She also was a star as a teenager in "Father Knows Best," playing "Kitten" on the 1950s series. It is that role that gives her inspiration in her current role as a happily married mother and minister at the age of 44.

"I have nothing but admiration for the message of 'Father Knows Best.' I'm trying to raise my family like the Andersons (the family that starred in the television series). I believe the father should be the head of the household, the mom should be home nurturing the kids and the whole family should attend church," she said in the August issue of Redbook.

Her upbringing is detailed in her autobiography, "Father Does Know Best: The Lauren Chapin story," to be published in August.

In it, she says that her father sexually abused her for two years and that she was insulted and ignored by her alcoholic mother to the point where she tried to commit suicide at age 11. The book recounts Ms Chapin's slide into crime and addiction, the birth of her two children and her religious rebirth.

She lives in Texas with her children and her husband, a fire-fighter. (AP)

ATLANTA, Georgia: A US appeals court has blocked the widow of a Challenger astronaut from suing the government for the 1986 space shuttle disaster.

In its ruling, the 11th US Circuit Court of Appeals said Jane J. Smith may take action under the Federal Tort Compensation Act, passed in 1988 to handle claims against government employees for acts committed in the scope of their employment.

Mrs Smith, widow of Navy commander Michael J. Smith, sued the United States and Lawrence B. Mulloy, a civilian manager of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's rocket booster programme.

A three-judge panel of the 11th circuit agreed with a US district court in Florida's dismissal of the suit noting such action against the United States is barred. (AP)

LONDON, New Hampshire: Eyes are riveted when, stiletto-heeled and wrapped in a skin-tight leotard, Academy award-winning actress Cher accompanied members of the band Bon Jovi to the cinema.

"At 12:15 a van whipped into the parking lot. In walked Cher," theatre manager Dan O'Neill said. "I was in shock. She wasn't wearing any makeup, but she still looked like she was 20 years old."

She and the band rented the Apple Tree Mall Cinema IV theatre for a private showing of Lethal Weapon II early yesterday. Cher is dating Bon Jovi guitarist Richard Sambora.

She received a call on Friday night from the band's manager that the band Bon Jovi and Cher wanted to rent out the theatre at 12:30 that night. O'Neill said. "I thought they were out of their minds, but they were serious."

Bon Jovi arrived Thursday in Manchester for last night's concert. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: A day after playing their first concert together in 20 years, the Monkees received a star on the Hollywood walk of fame. More than 700 noisy fans greeted Monkees Peter Tork, Davy Jones, Mickey Dolenz and Mike Nesmith as the quartet accepted the honour Monday.

"We have seen such a sense of support over the years," Nesmith said. "This has meant more to me than we can ever possibly say."

The Monkees, who had a television show in the 1960s, have toured as a threesome in recent years. On Sunday night for the first time in two decades, Nesmith joined the other band members at a Monkees convention in Universal City. (AP)

NEW YORK: Former record company executive Nesmith Ertegün, a key figure in the history of American jazz and popular music, died yesterday of complications following surgery for cancer, his family said.

He was 71. Ertegün, who was born in Istanbul, in 1971 created Wea International, the giant distribution company outside the United States for the music products of Warner Brothers Records, Atlantic Records, Elektra Records and MCA Records. He remained president and chief executive officer, until 1987.

As a partner in his younger brother Ahmet's Atlantic Label, he started in 1954. He signed and produced such jazz greats as the modern jazz quartet, Ornette Coleman, John Coltrane, Thelma Houston and Charlie Mingus. (AP)

JACKSON, Mississippi: A rosy likeness of rock 'n' roll king Elvis Presley will appear on Mississippi's entry in the tournament of roses parade on New Year's day after all.

Barry Ward, a Memphis, Tennessee, attorney representing Presley's estate, said Thursday that an earlier decision against allowing use of the likeness had been reversed. The Mississippi Parade Entry is planned as a tribute to the Magnolia state's musicians.

"The estate does not like, normally, to have Elvis associated with any other artists," Ward said. "The other artists that are going to be featured on the float are outstanding in their field, even though it was a different field from Elvis." (AP)

AUSTIN, Texas: Texas is so big that language differences have developed in different parts of the Lone Star state.

Just like tourists from the northern United States who cannot decipher a Texan accent, sometimes even fellow Texans are unable to understand each other.

During debate in the Texas Senate, a lawmaker from western Texas happened to use the word "ostriches." A colleague from the southern part of the state, Carlos Truett, appeared puzzled and interrupted:

"I thought you said oysters." "You know how we talk out West," said Bill Sims of San Angelo. (AP)

## Sex and the single lobbyist

# Portrait of an enigma

WASHINGTON, July 16, (AP) — To friends and acquaintances, lobbyist Craig J. Spence was an enigma.

Those who attended Spence's star-studded parties or accepted his money said they viewed his peculiarities — like travelling with a gaggle of security guards and communicating by walkie-talkie — as the props of a man on the move, Washington-style.

"He looked like a riverboat gambler, he was a bachelor and very wealthy and always looking for business, but that seemed like such a common thing in Washington," said former ambassador Robert Neumann.

Spence once arranged for Neumann, who was ambassador to Saudi Arabia and several other countries, to travel on an expenses-paid trip with his wife to Japan.

The 48-year-old Spence is the most prominent of several men identified in the investigation of a Washington male prostitution ring.

The Washington Times, citing credit card records, reported late last month that Spence had paid as much as \$20,000 in a month to a prostitution ring that was raided earlier this year by police.

Since then, Spence seems to be just about the only person in Washington who isn't talking about the story. Repeated telephone calls to his home have gone unanswered.

The mysterious Spence cut a wide social and business swath through Washington, and the breadth of his circle of acquaintances made the story all the more titillating. Everyone is reading The Washington Times to find out whose name pops up next, said prominent political consultant Vic Kamber.

According to The Times, police obtained credit card slips implicating Spence, as well as many lesser-known Washingtonians, in raids on so-called escort services with names such as "Dream Boys" and "Man to Man."

US Attorney Jay Stephens says he is investigating the prostitution ring, which operated out of a two-story brick house in a prosperous neighbourhood, for possible credit card fraud, a white-collar crime that falls under the purview of the Secret Service.

The Secret Service, which is charged with guarding the White House and protecting foreign ambassadors, also is examining whether one of its uniformed guards violated policy by giving Spence and several friends a late-night White House tour on July 3, 1988.

Officer Reginald Degueudre, a former White House guard, has been placed on administrative leave. He acknowledged in an interview with the Associated Press that he led a Spence group on a private tour of the White House "Just like I did my family." He also told The Times that Spence gave him an \$8,000 gold watch.

The Washington Times contends the call-boy ring's clients included "key officials" of the administrations of President George Bush and former President Ronald Reagan. It has identified several mid-level officials by name, including a former Reagan personnel officer who had become a Times editor. That person resigned from the paper but denied patronising the ring.

Spence, who did not hold public office has emerged as a man who propelled himself into the social limelight by spending money often supplied by Japanese interests to cultivate academics, ambassadors, journalists, members of Congress, military officers and other habitués of the corridors of power.

Among those who attended Spence's gatherings were journalists Eric Sevareid and Liz Trotta; James Lilley, the US ambassador to China; William Safire, a columnist for The New York Times and former CIA director William Casey, according to other guests and The Times.

According to records filed under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, in one five-month period in 1981, the Policy Study Group of Tokyo gave Spence \$110,000. The non-profit group was financed by Japanese business interests and affiliated with a faction of Japan's Ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

Some of those who accepted Spence's hospitality said they did so because they believed he could open doors to lucrative markets in the Orient.

"He was eccentric but he was extremely well-informed," said former US Attorney Joseph Dignova, now a private attorney who once went on a business trip to Japan with Spence.

It was "sort of a salon" he was running there, said veteran journalist Sarah McClendon, who said Spence paid her \$400 to write a profile of a political figure. McClendon said she refused to do any more work for Spence when she learned he was being paid by the Japanese.

"Obviously the Japanese were using him to get as much information as they could about the personal habits of public officials," McClendon said. "To my notion, that borders on espionage."

## Home at last

Industrialist Marzio Perrin rests at home in Fasano, Italy after his release last week. He was kidnapped last Dec 28 and relatives paid a 2 billion lire (\$1.5 million) ransom. His left ear is bandaged after the kidnappers cut a piece of it off and sent it to relatives as evidence of his capture. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Building collapses

NEW YORK, July 16, (AP) — A four-storey apartment building apparently rocked by a gas explosion collapsed yesterday, killing one person and injuring seven others.

Rescue workers pulled the body of a man from the rubble in northern Manhattan, said Fire Department spokesman John Mulligan. The victim, who police refused to identify immediately, had been thrown through a wall and covered with bricks, he said.

The victim's brother was taken to the hospital with injuries from falling debris and burns. Mulligan said. Five other people were treated for injuries such as cuts from flying debris, while a seventh person was in serious condition, officials said.

Audrey Singleton, who lives nearby, said the explosion at about 3:30 pm sounded like "a bomb."

"Everything blew out my windows — all of my kitchen windows."

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## LDP may pay for scandals

TOKYO, July 16, (AP): A growing number in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party are beginning to think the unthinkable — that voters will give the opposition a shot at taking the helm of the nation.

Since its formation in 1955, the LDP has produced all of Japan's prime ministers. But party leaders say it now faces an unprecedented crisis caused by scandals and unpopular policies.

The start of an erosion of LDP power could come July 23 in elections for half the seats in the 252-seat upper house of Japan's two-chamber parliament. A major failure by the LDP in that vote could force earlier elections in the lower house — now scheduled for some time next year — and, ultimately, a new government without the LDP at its head.

The six-year terms of 66 upper-house LDP members have expired. To keep its majority, the party must win back 34 of those seats — a feat that analysts and pollsters don't expect.

"We are very confident the LDP will lose its majority," said Takashi Yonezawa, secretary-general of the Democratic Socialist Party.

The DSP, fourth-largest opposition party in parliament, has been negotiating with the leading opposition socialists, the Buddhist-backed Komeito (Clean Government Party) and the leftist Social Democratic Federation toward forming a coalition government in case the LDP loses its mandate.

Those four parties currently account for 78 seats, against the LDP's 142, and will need to win another 49 to gain control of the upper house.

## Innocent until proven guilty

MOSCOW, July 16, (Reuters): Defendants in Soviet courts will be considered innocent until proven guilty under draft legislation before the Soviet parliament, the chairman of the Supreme Court was quoted as saying today.

In an interview with the Communist Party daily Pravda, Yevgeny Smolentsev said the law would for the first time introduce the presumption of innocence.

That portion of the legislation, known as the "Basis of legislation of the USSR and the union republics on the judicial system," is patterned on accepted international law, Smolentsev said.

## Panama's government, military and opposition to negotiate

PANAMA CITY, July 16, (UPI): An opposition presidential candidate who was once viciously beaten by paramilitary forces will negotiate with the military and his political opponents to try to resolve the nation's political crisis, it was announced late yesterday.

Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega annulled the results of the violence-marred May 7 elections which independent observers said favoured the opposition by a wide margin.

Since then the nation has been in political limbo and, at the request of both the government and opposition, an organization of American States team has been in Panama City since Thursday trying to negotiate a solution to the impasse.

The embattled government, the military and the US-backed opposition agreed yesterday to direct talks.

Representatives of the government, the armed forces and the pro-government National Liberation Coalition said they

would meet this afternoon with the Civil Democratic Opposition Alliance, the four-member OAS team said.

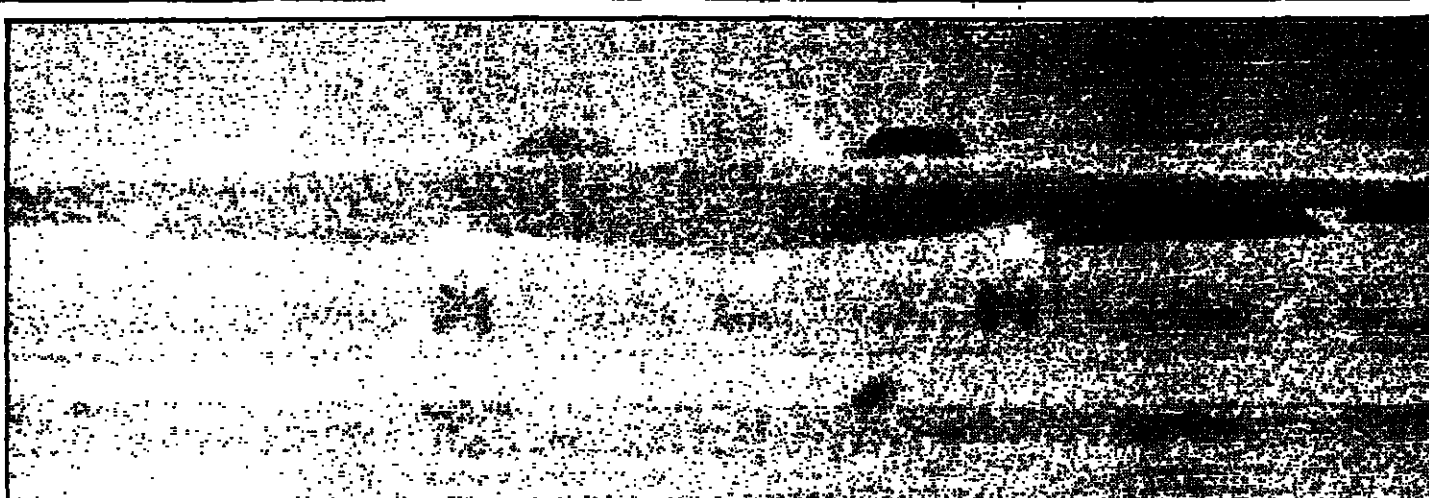
Noriega, who has resisted sustained US efforts to force him from power, had refused the opposition's demand that he join the talks.

However, a compromise seems to have been forged between the strongman and the opposition.

The government's Radio Nacional said in a broadcast last night that Panama

Defence Force officers Lieutenant Col. Julio Ow Young, Major Armando Palacios Gondola and Maj. Luis Antonio Cordoba will represent the military at the talks.

The press release also said the opposition will send its former presidential candidate, Guillermo Endara, and his two vice-presidential running mates, Ricardo Arias Calderon and Guillermo Ford, to the negotiating table.



The Stealth B-2 Bomber taxis onto the runway in Palmdale, California, moments before the flight was cancelled. (Reuter wirephoto)

## B-2 Stealth Bomber's maiden flight called off

PALMDALE, California, July 16, (Reuters): In a setback for one of the most controversial weapons programmes in US history, the maiden flight of the B-2 Stealth Bomber was called off at the last minute yesterday because of a technical malfunction.

An Air Force spokesman said the problem, detected during pre-takeoff tests on a runway in California's Mojave desert, was low readings in fuel pressure gauges.

"We err on the side of safety," said the spokesman, Col. Douglas Kennett. "That's

why we've postponed the flight."

He said it would be at least two to three days before the radar-evading aircraft returns to the runway at Palmdale Air Force Base for its long-awaited flight.

The delay in the flight, already 18 months behind schedule, could hardly have come at a worse time for the B-2 programme and its supporters who are facing increasing flak in a budget-minded Congress.

The sleek aircraft — a "flying wing" designed to carry nuclear bombs to an enemy

country by absorbing instead of reflecting radar detection signals — was due to take off only days after members of Congress said there was a very real possibility it would become a "museum piece."

Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said Congress could not possibly approve the Bush administration's requests for up to \$8 billion a year to pay the B-2's huge \$70 billion cost. At over \$530 million for each of 132 planes, it would be the most expensive weapons programme in US history.

'There were no enemies, only poor people ...'

## Confessions of a spy

MOSCOW, July 16, (UPI): A retired KGB colonel expressed shame about his secret police work in a pioneering memoir yesterday that exonerates virtually every dissident persecuted in the last 35 years.

Ya. Karpovich also said in the memoir published in this week's Ogonok magazine that the KGB, acronym for Committee of State Security, had not adapted to Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of glasnost, or openness.

"The KGB, which grew to enormous size during the force accountable to no one is repulsive to him now. "Every state should have security organs but not a secret police," he said.

The remorseful memoir is the first to be published in the Soviet Union in which the persecution of dissidents by the modern KGB is described by an active participant. Its publication in Ogonok ensures it the widest possible readership.

KGB Chief Vladimir Kryuchkov, in a confirmation hearing Friday before the new Soviet parliament, said he had a "most positive" regard for glasnost and believed it was "necessary for our body." He also testified the KGB no longer uses a network of informants, taps telephones or keeps dossiers on law-abiding citizens.

Karpovich said when he joined the KGB he was given the task of rehabilitating the victims executed or imprisoned by the KGB's predecessor, NKVD, during the purges ordered by Dictator Josef Stalin.

"But I wanted to have some real, active work and I got it," he said. "No wonder. There were no enemies. There were only poor people who shouted or wrote something unthinkingly and were put into madhouses or sentenced for anti-Soviet agitation."

"I still feel myself a scoundrel because I did not refuse such cases," he said.

Karpovich did not say how many years he worked at the KGB but said he was assigned in 1958 to an ideology unit. "Everywhere, we looked for enemies of the state," he said.

His group initially targeted people who privately published the works of poets who were out of favour. Later they went after various dissidents and nationalists, including Crimean Tatars, Jewish refuseniks and Zionists. Karpovich describes the KGB's campaign against "Doctor Zhivago" author Boris Pasternak, who was forced to renounce the Nobel Prize for Literature (1958); writers Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel (1965) tried and sentenced for

defaming the Soviet Union and Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who was forced into exile in 1974 for sending abroad a manuscript of the "Gulag Archipelago," an account of the horrors in Stalin's prison camps.

"There was the global shame — mad houses for healthy people (dissidents)," he said. He recalled in particular how the KGB sent Gen. Pyotr Grigorenko, a decorated World War II hero, to a psychiatric hospital for criticizing Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev and urging the Crimean Tatars exiled by Stalin to fight to return to their homeland.

Grigorenko left the Soviet Union in 1977 after being reduced to private and sacked from the Army. He was stripped of his citizenship while in the United States and died in New York in 1986 — a hero in the dissident movement for speaking up when there was no glasnost.

Karpovich said he was transferred in 1968 to a different section of the KGB that dealt with real enemies of the state and "by this I justified my work in the KGB."

But he said he felt remorse as the KGB began hounding Andrei Sakharov in the 1970s for publishing his political "meditations" about Russia.

## Kennedy can't shed tragedy

Chappaquiddick revisited

CHAPPAQUIDDICK ISLAND, Massachusetts, July 16, (AP): It's not even the same bridge anymore. New posts and guardrails have been added, but that was some time ago, and now Dike Bridge is rotting. Gulls fly over and drop shellfish on it to break open their supper.

Not much to it. No signs, no reminders.

But Dike Bridge is on Chappaquiddick, scene of what has been called "the most famous traffic fatality in the history of American politics."

The tiny island looms large in US political history because Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy drove his car off a bridge into Poucha Pond 20 years ago.

Mary Jo Kopechne, a 28-year-old Washington secretary, was found dead in the back seat about 10 hours after the accident, which occurred about midnight on July 18, 1969. They were returning from a party.

Kennedy, then 37, did not notify police until 9.30 am, long after returning to a hotel where he was staying.

He said he and a friend repeatedly dove to the car in unsuccessful rescue attempts, and that he was then "exhausted and in a state of shock."

Since the accident, Massachusetts voters have re-elected Kennedy four times to the Senate by strong margins.

But most people think the string of events that occurred after he left a party that night probably cost him the presidency.

Like Kennedy, most longtime Chappaquiddick residents don't like to discuss the accident. It is a bitter memory, the day their pastoral existence became the focus of the worst sort of publicity — the heir to the Kennedy family dynasty had sinned not just his reputation but theirs, too.

Kennedy eventually pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident and received a two-month suspended prison sentence. He was placed on probation for one year.

Judge James Boyle, who oversaw the nine-month inquest, expressed doubt about key portions of Kennedy's testimony. But when Boyle's final report was released in April 1970, the case was officially closed.

The public debate continues over what happened at Dike Bridge, which connects a beautiful strip of beach with the rest of Chappaquiddick Island, at the eastern edge of the larger coastal island, Martha's Vineyard.

But when locals are asked about the accident and the impact on their lives, they often fall silent.

One island real estate agent, usually smiling and friendly, momentarily chokes up when asked about the accident and refuses to discuss it.

In May, tall fences were erected on either side of the bridge, long since closed to vehicular traffic. The only route to the beach now is further south.

Town officials are concerned



Kennedy: remorseful

about safety at the bridge, but sporadic arguments over the years reveal another factor in the move to tear it down — embarrassment over the bridge's attraction.

"Yeah, people ask about it every day," said a teen-age girl running the four-car ferry from Edgartown to Chappaquiddick Island. "We get a car asking on every trip across."

There's not a lot to see — just a simple wooden bridge across a decidedly uninteresting pond. Beyond the bridge are the dunes, and still farther the vast blue of Nantucket Sound.

"They find themselves very disappointed," said Patric Jamo, a waiter at a restaurant on the edge of Edgartown Harbour. "There's really nothing there."

Whether the islanders like it or not, though, the accident is fixed in their psyche. A headline that appeared in the Vineyard Gazette referred to the debate over tearing down the "Kennedy Bridge."

Kennedy, who has over the years expressed sadness about the accident, responded with a prepared statement when asked about the incident recently.

"I took full responsibility for the tragedy at the time, and I still do," Kennedy said. "There was a full and complete investigation by authorities, and there have been extensive additional investigations by the press. I have expressed my remorse and responsibility to my own family, to the Kopechne family and to the people of Massachusetts, and I express those sentiments again."

"I have told everything I know about the accident. I only wish that it were in my power to do something more to ease the continuing pain that I feel and that Mr and Mrs Kopechne feel for Mary Jo's loss."

In a recent Associated Press interview, Mrs Kopechne said she was pleased one leader on a judicial panel investigating her daughter's death had recently renewed his assertion that officials tried to cover up information to protect Kennedy.

## Moonwalkers reminisce

Next stop, Mars

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama, July 16, (UPI): Moonwalker Neil Armstrong and his two Apollo 11 crewmates, who blasted off 20 years ago today for history's first moon landing, recalled the past and looked to the future yesterday, calling for manned missions to Mars as long-range national goals.

Buzz Aldrin, who followed Armstrong to the moon's surface 20 years ago this Thursday, said the United States is not ready for an Apollo-scale space goal like the one set by President John F. Kennedy in 1961. But it is time, he said, to lay the groundwork for such a bold new surge of exploration.

"President Kennedy's challenge of 28 years ago was a starting leap for mankind but we're not ready for that goal again," Aldrin said at a private reception prior to an Apollo 11 anniversary celebration. "Now is the time for gathering a consensus for another leap."

"Perhaps the 30th anniversary of Kennedy's speech in 1991 would be a good time to initiate that consensus and in 1992, on the 50th anniversary of Columbus, would be the time to announce such a plan."

Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, Aldrin and crewmate Michael Collins were the guests of honour for an evening anniversary party at the Alabama Space and Rocket Centre near NASA's Marshall Space Flight Centre in Huntsville, where the giant Saturn 5 moon rockets were designed.

All three astronauts were scheduled to fly to the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida early today for a special ceremony, a parade and a luncheon to mark the 20th anniversary of their launch to the moon at 9.32 am EDT July 16, 1969, kicking off a gala week-long series of anniversary events.

"No one has ever made a perfect machine," Armstrong told more than 300 guests at the Huntsville reception, hosted by Boeing Corp., builder of the Saturn 5 first stage. "But those of you who built the Saturn 5 came about as close as anyone could to building a perfect machine."

While the past was the reason for the gathering, J.R. Thompson, deputy administrator of NASA, took the opportunity to look to the future.

## Cardinal asked to quit

KRAKOW, Poland, July 16, (Reuters): Seven New York Jews demonstrated in Krakow today and demanded the resignation of a Polish cardinal, in a fresh protest against the presence of a Catholic convent beside the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

Rabbi Avraham Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, New York, and his six disciples, said in a letter handed to the Roman Catholic authorities in Krakow that Cardinal Franciszek Macharski must resign if the convent was not removed.

The letter also said the convent's Carmelite nuns should be disciplined for "watching in silence as the workers beat Jews."

On Friday the seven climbed over a fence in a bid to enter the convent and talk to the nuns but a group of Polish workers, shouted obscenities, drenched them with buckets of water and then beat them up and dragged them away.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Mild tremor

ATHENS, July 16, (AP): A mild tremor rolled through the northeastern Aegean early today causing some anxiety among islanders but no damage.

The Athens Seismological Service said the tremor which occurred at 6.28 am (0328 GMT), measured 4.1 on the open-ended Richter scale and had its epicentre 290 kms (180 miles) northeast of the Greek capital.

### Space shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, July 16, (AP): Space shuttle Columbia moved to the launch pad yesterday as workers got set to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the liftoff of another spaceship with the same name, the one that carried the first man to the moon.

The shuttle completed a seven-hour trip to launch pad 39B shortly before 5 am (0900 GMT), and engineers and technicians began readying it for an early August flight with five astronauts who are to release a secret military spy satellite. Meanwhile, others made preparations for Sunday's commemoration of the flight of the first Columbia.

### Blacks kill officer

JOHANNESBURG, July 16, (UPI): A group of blacks opened fire at three policemen patrolling a crowded black township northeast of Johannesburg, killing one officer and wounding another, police said yesterday.

Police reported no arrests after the attack which occurred after dark Friday in Alexandra, a township of about 200,000 residents 10 miles (16 km) outside central Johannesburg.

### Call for more aid

LONDON, July 16, (UPI): The British aid agency Oxfam, in a warning released today, said that social development in Nicaragua is on the verge of disintegration and called on the international community to provide more aid for the Central American nation.

"The United States embargo on trade with Nicaragua and unstable commodity prices are combining to cause economic collapse," Oxfam said in a publication marking the agency's 25 years of work in Nicaragua.

### 1,040 rebels killed

MAPUTO, Mozambique, July 16, (AP): Government forces killed 1,040 rebel fighters and captured 117 in the past three months, the national news agency Aina reported yesterday.

Government troops also freed 3,800 civilians living under the control of the Mozambique national resistance, Aina said, citing a report in the daily newspaper Noticias.

A total of 334 guerrillas were killed in the central province of Sofala, said Aina, which provided no additional details of the fighting.

### River catches fire

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): A peasant suffered burns and two bridges were destroyed yesterday when the farm worker tossed a cigarette butt into a Ukrainian river, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

The Nuren river in the Ukraine's Zhitomir district had been contaminated by an oil spill five days earlier, Tass said. Some 4,000 cubic metres (4,374 yards) of oil flowed into the river after a bulldozer split a pipeline near the village of Maye Moskhi.

### Flight completed

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): An eleven-year-old pilot completed his flight across the Soviet Union yesterday when he took off from the Siberian town of Anadyr for Alaska, Tass said.

Tony Aliengena of California dealt with ice on his wings and hazardous flying over more than double the average amount of rain recorded in July during the past 50 years.

### Attackers set fire

LA FLORIDA, Chile, July 16, (AP): Two attackers set fire to a Mormon chapel in a Santiago suburb yesterday before fleeing, leaving behind leftist pamphlets, authorities said.

No one was injured in the attack, the second this month on a Mormon chapel in La Florida.

In the previous attack on July 7, seven assailants interrupted a chapel gathering, forced the missionary to undress and then fled. No one was injured; church officials later said the attackers may have wanted simply to humiliate the missionary.

### Minister expelled

HAVANA, July 16, (Reuters): The former Cuban Minister of Transport, Diocles Torralbas, was expelled from the National Assembly of People's Power, the Cuban parliament, Cuba's Aina news agency reported yesterday.

Ain said the 150 representatives to the Municipal Assembly of People's Power in the eastern Cuban municipality of Palma Soriano who had elected Torralbas to the national assembly voted unanimously to remove him.

### Cannabis seized

LONDON, July 16, (Reuters): British police have seized cannabis worth £2 million (\$3 million) on a raid on a north London warehouse, Scotland Yard said today.

A spokesman said 12 men, all from Middle Eastern countries, were arrested after the raid on Friday night. One had already been charged with smuggling the 0.75 tonnes of cannabis into the country through the eastern English port of Felixstowe.

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# Gorbachev, Rajiv pledge to strengthen relations with China

MOSCOW, July 16, (Agencies): The Soviet Union and India, rejecting Western criticism of the suppression of China's pro-democracy movement, pledged yesterday to strengthen ties with Beijing, Tass said.

The issue arose during wide-ranging talks between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who was on a one-day visit to the Soviet capital.

"Mikhail Gorbachev and Rajiv Gandhi

noted the similarity taken by the Soviet Union and India with regard to recent events in China and their determination to further develop good-neighbourly relations with that great country," Tass said.

The Tass dispatch did not specifically mention the Chinese Army's bloody suppression of student-led demonstrations in Tiananmen Square last month. But Gorbachev said in Paris he regretted the loss of life, calling it "this anguish, this tragedy."

"At the same time," he said in Paris, "we welcome the fact that apparently the situation is calming down now and that an atmosphere is emerging which will make it possible to continue... the changes (in China) and go on with the search for solutions to the issues which were raised in that square."

Rajiv invited Gorbachev to visit India next year in what would be the Soviet President's second visit to the southern Asian nation, Tass said yesterday.

Tass did not say whether Gorbachev, who visited India in 1986, had accepted Rajiv's invitation. But Soviet-Indian relations are close, and the Kremlin places great weight on the link between the two nations.

Tass said Gorbachev and Rajiv conferred for four hours in the Kremlin with their delegations present and then met afterward without aides.

It said the two leaders also reiterated their common approach to Afghanistan.

The Soviet Union has blamed the United States and Pakistan for blocking peace in Afghanistan by sending military aid to the anti-communist rebels fighting the Marxist government of President Najibullah.

In an interview on Soviet television, Rajiv said if the Geneva accords "had been implemented in full measure, the situation in Afghanistan would have been normalised long ago."

Both nations favour negotiations between the Marxist government in Kabul and the rebels backed by Pakistan and the United States.

The Soviet Union is in critically short supply of consumer goods, and experts consider India a likely source of cheap imports. Speculation in that regard has been fuelled by recent trips to New Delhi by Gorbachev and Alexandra Biryukova, the Soviet Politburo member in charge of consumer goods.

## Chinese authorities remove publications

### Hong Kong publisher fired

BEIJING, July 16, (AP): Chinese authorities raided hotels to remove all foreign newspapers and magazines as the government stepped up a campaign to isolate the nation from outside reports critical of its crackdown on dissent.

Workers at joint-venture hotels catering to foreign tourists said officials appeared without notice Friday and removed all foreign periodicals from bookshelves.

They were told there could be no further sales of periodicals such as Time, Newsweek, the Asian Wall Street Journal, the Far Eastern Economic Review and the International Herald Tribune — all of which have been in-depth coverage to China's suppression of the student-led pro-democracy movement.

Foreign travellers arriving in Beijing also have been told not to take newspapers and magazines off their planes, and transmissions of the US-funded broadcasting Network Voice of America have been jammed since the democracy move was halted a month ago.

Two VOA reporters in Beijing have been among seven Western journalists deported for "rumour-mongering" and violating other martial law regulations.

Chinese authorities on July 1 also cut off satellite transmissions of the US television network CNN to Beijing hotels.

The apparent attempt to limit access to outside reports on events in China follows the June 3-4 military assault on pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing. The government says fewer than 300 people died, while witnesses and diplomats say up to 3,000 were killed.

The government then launched a widespread crackdown, arresting more than 2,000 people and detaining others in a drive to silence all opposition to the hard-line rulers.

Acting through its de facto embassy in Hong Kong, Beijing yesterday fired the publisher of a pro-Communist Hong Kong newspaper that has criticised the bloodshed in Tiananmen Square.

In an unprecedented move to exert control over the Hong Kong press, a representative of China's official Xinhua News Agency fired Wen Wei Po publisher Lee Tze-Chung. He was replaced by Chen Bojia, a former Xinhua vice-director, who has worked at the paper for about two years.

The news agency has served as Beijing's de facto embassy in the British colony.

Meanwhile, education officials are saying Marxism is a more important subject than reading and arithmetic, newspapers reported today as they continue a campaign against ideas the government blames for student-led protests.

"Education must serve socialism," the Communist Party newspaper, The People's Daily, quoted Education Minister Li Tieying as telling college and provincial education officials yesterday at the end of a three-day special meeting.

Authorities today denounced Li Shuxian, who is being sheltered in the US Embassy along with her husband, Fang Lizhi, as a "bourgeois, liberal agitator" and recommended her dismissal as an elected municipal congresswoman.

Chinese sources, meanwhile, said authorities have decided to halve the number of students entering at least two universities in the capital and deny admission to graduates, in moves apparently aimed at muting demands for greater democracy.



**Mt. Aso erupts**

Black smoke is seen spewing from a crater as the Mt. Aso erupted for the first time in four years yesterday. The column of smoke soars more than two kilometres high over Kyushu, Japan's southern main island. No damage or injuries were reported and no lava flow detected, officials said. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Prepared for the worst

### Bangladesh readies for deluge

MOHADEPUR, Bangladesh, July 16, (AP): Across the nation, rivers are rising and people are getting ready for the annual deluge that is both a blessing and a curse.

Following last year's devastating flood that killed at least 1,400 people and submerged three-fourths of the country, the government has embarked upon an ambitious programme to help cope with future disasters.

A 40-kilometres-long (25-mile-long), three-metre-high (10-foot-high) earthen dike is being built around Dhaka, the capital, as part of a two-year, \$100-million flood alleviation programme.

Deputy Prime Minister Kazi Zahir Ahmed says about 70 per cent of the work has been completed.

Warehouses that hold emergency rice and wheat rations have been elevated in many parts of the country. About 400 help centres have been built to facilitate emergency relief and rescue operations.

But perhaps the most pragmatic steps are those taken by the people themselves, who are resigned to the floods that disrupt their lives annually but in good years nourish the crops without washing them away.

At Mohadepur, a village of 6,000 people 30 miles (50 kilometres) northwest of Dhaka, families have raised the ground beneath their bamboo houses, which stand on rammed mud hills several feet (one or two metres) above the surrounding rice paddies and jute fields.

The four families — 22 men, women and children — who live on one of these hills laboured for nearly a month, hauling baskets filled with gray mud from the Samati river, about 50 paces away.

Jehana, 20, whose parents live in one of four tiny houses that form the perimeter of the hill's central courtyard, said the houses now stand about 2 feet (60 centimetres) higher than they did when the 1988 flood peaked last August and September.

She and her neighbours said that last year the water rose at least 2 feet (60 centimetres) deep inside their houses, whose floors are mud and whose walls are made of mats woven from split bamboo and tied to bamboo poles under roofs of thatching or corrugated aluminium.

A crowd of men who gathered from nearby houses explained that everyone in Mohadepur who could afford the time or money had raised at least the level of the family kitchen, which usually consists of an earthen oven carved into the clay-like ground. They said that during last year's flood they sometimes couldn't eat for two days at a time because there was no dry place to cook the rice that is Bangladesh's dietary staple.

On an adjacent but lower hill, Mohammad Ali said last year's flood rose about 3 feet (90 centimetres) above ground level, so this year he raised the compound where he lives with his mother, wife and two daughters by 2 feet (60 centimetres).

Since the 1988 deluge was said to be a once-in-a-century flood, this year's flood shouldn't be as bad. And if it is, the people who elevated their houses will only be ankle-deep or knee-deep in water, instead of waist-deep or worse.

Ali, a prosperous man by local standards because he raises enough rice to feed his family and sell the excess, said he hired 17 men to elevate his compound. He said the work took about 15 days and cost him 2,500 takas (about \$76).

But, he added, there's nothing he can do to save his 5 bigas (one and one-third acres or one-half hectare) of rice and jute if the floods are bad. The rice crop now in the ground is due for harvesting in late August.

"It's really difficult," the 40-year-old farmer said. "In 1987 I lost the rice seedling to too much rain. In 1988 I lost everything to the flood. I may lose it again, but I can't find any other job. What can I do? It's all up to Allah."

## Soldiers killed in gunfire exchange

NEW DELHI, India, July 16, (Agencies): Two Indian soldiers and two Sri Lankan soldiers were killed in an exchange of gunfire, the first known clash between the two sides since Indian troops were sent to Sri Lanka nearly two years ago, a government spokesman said yesterday.

A Sri Lankan soldier fired on an Indian patrol passing a remote jungle camp early Friday, setting off the brief firefight, the Indian spokesman said. He called the clash "a mistake" and said both countries considered the matter closed.

Relations between the two governments have become increasingly strained in recent weeks after Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa demanded that India withdraw its peacekeeping force by July 31.

India has said it cannot put a deadline on the withdrawal of its troops, who were invited to Sri Lanka by Premadasa's predecessor to help end an insurgency by Tamil guerrillas.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has won unexpected support from critics of his policy towards Sri Lanka after the assassination of two of the island's most well-known moderate Tamil leaders.

Such support is expected to harden after the deaths of two members of an Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) in a clash with Sri Lankan troops in the north of the island.

Rajiv received a boost for his policy towards Sri Lanka when the Chief Minister of India's Tamil Nadu State condemned the killing of Appapillai Amirthalingam and Vettivelu Yogeswaran in Colombo.

They were shot dead on Thursday at Amirthalingam's home in Colombo by three gunmen. Guards killed the gunmen.

Family members told a magistrates' inquiry two Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebels were speaking to the victims when they were shot.

The Sunday Times said police found weapons, ammunition, cyanide capsules and gelignite at a Colombo hideout reported to have been used by the killers of two Tamil leaders.

The newspaper quoted unnamed sources as saying the gunmen, Tamil rebels, had dinner at the hideout before their mission. Police officials declined comment on the report.

Public funerals for Appapillai Amirthalingam, leader of the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front, and his colleague Vettivelu Yogeswaran will be held in Jaffna tomorrow.

A family spokesman said the remains of the two leaders would be flown to Batticaloa and Trincomalee in the east for Tamilis there to pay their respects, before cremation in the northern city in the evening.

Leftist Sinhalese extremists today attacked a police station in western Sri Lanka, killing three officers and stealing several weapons, sources in Colombo said. One assailant was shot dead by troops responding to the assault.

Some 1,000 police and soldiers launched an intensive hunt for the attackers around the town of Gampaha, which were placed under a 13-hour curfew beginning at 5 am, said the sources.

They said the attack on the police station near Gampaha, about 20 miles (30 km) northwest of Colombo, was launched about 3 am by several members of the Jathika Vimukti Peramuna (JVP), or Peoples Liberation Front.

## Pacific Ocean rise expected

### MAJURO, Marshall Islands, July 16, (Reuters): The Pacific Ocean is expected to rise by at least half a metre (1.3 feet) in 50 years and may force islanders to migrate, organisers of an environmental programme in the Marshall Islands said today.

More than 60 scientists and government officials will take part in a four-day UN-sponsored South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme opening in Majuro tomorrow to discuss global pollution and other environmental problems.

The islands, with a population of 43,000, comprise two chains of coral islands, the highest of which rises little more than five feet (1.5 metres) above sea level.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Molecular wires found

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, July 16, (AP): Wires as thick as molecules, "grown" in rocks containing microscopic channels, could yield tiny, three-dimensional chips that could be tightly packed into small computers, a researcher says.

"We cannot claim yet that we have electron flow along these chains, but we have essentially done the first step to make these systems," said Thomas Bein, a University of New Mexico chemist who, with doctoral candidate Patricia Enzel, grew chains of organic molecules in the channels of a mineral called zeolite.

### Marcos still critical

HONOLULU, July 16, (AP): Former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos yesterday marked his sixth month at St Francis Medical Centre here.

The 71-year-old Marcos, who was listed in critical condition yesterday, entered the hospital on Jan 15 for treatment of heart, kidney and respiratory ailments.

Since then, he's suffered near-total organ failure and is being kept alive by machines.

His failing health caused a federal judge to separate Marcos from a US indictment charging he and his wife, Imelda, with stealing more than \$100 million from their homeland and stashing it in the United States.

### Fires sweep Portugal

LISBON, Portugal, July 16, (AP): Villagers were evacuated by helicopter as a forest fire swept across central Portugal yesterday.

A number of hamlets were threatened as the fire blazed across a 15-kilometre (nine-mile) front through thickly wooded land near the town of Figueiro Dos Vinhos, some 200 kilometres (125 miles) north of Lisbon, fire service officials said.

Figueiro Dos Vinhos fireman Jose Rosa Francisco told the Associated Press by telephone the fire, which began Friday morning, was started deliberately.

### Huge atom smasher starts

GENEVA, July 16, (AP): The world's biggest atom smasher, designed to deepen understanding of nature's basic forces, has successfully completed an inaugural test run, the European Laboratory for particle physics said yesterday.

Scientists sent a first beam of particles around the large electron-positron collider, a 27-kilometre (17-mile) circular tunnel under the French-Swiss border. The machine is expected to put the European lab decisively ahead of US rivals in the search for new discoveries in high-energy physics.

"This simply means that all parts of the machine, all the magnets are correctly positioned," said Neil Calder, a spokesman for the lab outside Geneva, known by its former French acronym CERN. "There are no results."

### War criminal dies

TOKYO, July 16, (AP): Teichi Suzuki, a former Army general, was helped by Japan's war crimes during World War II and later was imprisoned as a war criminal, died of heart failure yesterday, his family said. He was 100.

Relatives said Suzuki died at a hospital in Chiba, near Tokyo.

Suzuki, who served as a lieutenant-general in the Imperial Army, was the last surviving member of a group of leaders convicted of war crimes.

He was the primary planner of Japan's wartime economy, serving as state minister of the planning board from 1941 to 1943.

Following Japan's 1945 defeat in World War II, Suzuki stood trial along with wartime Prime Minister Hideki Tojo and other Japanese leaders.

Suzuki was given a life sentence by the International Military Tribunal for the Far East in 1948, but he was released on parole from Sugamo Prison for War Criminals in Tokyo in 1955 and given a full pardon in 1958.

## Indonesia to give more power to Muslim courts

JAKARTA, July 16, (Reuters): A move to strengthen Indonesia's Muslim courts is not a surrender to fundamentalism, says the man responsible for balancing the requirements of Islam with the fears of minority religions in this diverse nation.

"We want to make one law applicable to all Indonesian Muslims no matter where they live," Religious Affairs Minister Munawir Sjadzali said in an interview this weekend.

Muslim courts have existed in Indonesia for centuries and were permitted to hear cases involving marriage and endowments in some parts of the country under Dutch colonial law. A post-independence law recognised the religious courts in other areas and gave them power to rule in matters of inheritance.

Government-drafted legislation now before the Indonesian Parliament would grant all religious courts power over marital, endowment and inheritance law and end a requirement that their decisions be confirmed in civil courts.

Muslims, 85 per cent of Indonesia's 170 million people, would still be allowed to take their disputes to civil courts if they chose. Appeals against religious court decisions may be taken to the state

Supreme Court.

"We want to provide a mechanism to help Muslims comply with their religious responsibilities not force them to," Sjadzali said.

Opponents of the bill have raised the spectre of the Jakarta charter, a rejected draft constitution that came close to acknowledging Islam as Indonesia's state religion.

Sjadzali says there is no thought of changing the secular status of the Indonesian state. "The presence of the Islamic law is merely a historical need and it won't disrupt the unity and integrity of the nation," he has said.

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# Housing accorded top priority

## Efforts to accelerate construction

PROVIDING adequate residential facilities with corresponding amenities is considered the cornerstone of basic care towards citizens since independence. Nasser Abdullah Al Roudhan, State Minister for housing affairs said and added that this issue has been accorded priority by the government of Kuwait.

The government has disbursed immense capital funds, allocations of lands, and soft loans towards providing citizens with housing facilities. On-going residential projects and those on the drawing-boards have been estimated to be KD20 million. This allocation has been earmarked for the five year plan ending 1990.

Roudhan said that the General Housing Authority has exerted comprehensive efforts to accelerate the pace of construction of residential houses in a move designed to reduce the

waiting period of citizens to gain access to these accommodations.

**Amenities**  
The authority's efforts do not rest with providing houses, but extend to determining the particular amenities and designs best suited to a cross-section of Kuwait's citizens, the official said.

To obtain feed back in this respect, the authority circulates a number of questionnaires to citizens, the responses to which are used as a spring-board to developing houses which are tailor made to citizens' blueprints.

He pointed out that 200,000 citizens are included in the residential care plan for the five-year-plan ending 1990. It has been ascertained that nearly half the number of these applicants will obtain government houses at Al Qurain Residential Project.

The fourth-five-year-plan

1990/1995 is mainly based on supporting efforts towards shortening the waiting period by the utilisation of modern engineering techniques, increase of state-of-the-art machinery and the mobilisation of a national manpower which is so essential towards increasing the building momentum.

**Projects**  
Also speaking on the subject, the General Director of the General Housing Authority, Dr Ibrahim Majed Al Shaheen said that the Qurain Housing Project is considered one of the most important projects in the three-five-year-plan. It contains approximately 11,782 residential units (houses and plots) which nearly represents half the total residential units for the current five-year-plan.

At other residential projects like Jahra, Fialaka and residential flats at Al Sawabir and

Sabah Al Salem the authority has been successful in shortening the waiting periods for citizens to obtain government houses. Those who applied in 1978 are liable to receive houses at these projects. Those who applied in 1980 will receive houses at Al Qurain Project.

Other sources said that the "teething problems" in the initial stages of the building projects have been totally overcome and presently there has been no cause for complaints. The sources added that landscaping and afforestation near and around these residential houses is being encouraged by the authorities.

In a move further designed not to upset the balance in the economic and availability of manpower and materials, the pace of building houses has been pragmatically worked out in the interests of all parties concerned.



A female driver using a mobile phone, but males cause more accidents.

# Mobile phones cause traffic accidents: study

## Males majority users

SOME BELIEVE that mobile telephones are a necessity in today's modern hectic pace of life and others consider this recent innovation to be a luxury. Between both opinions the fact remains that mobile telephones have become an acceptable norm in society.

On how mobile telephones relate to traffic accidents, a study conducted by Kuwait University concluded that it is evident that the two opinions are closely interlinked.

The study revealed that having a mobile telephone inside a car is quite often the major cause of accidents. The percentage of cars involved in traffic accidents and having portable telephones has been recorded to be 90 per cent. These statistics have been supported by an independent study conducted by the General Traffic Department.

The university conducted the study on a cross-section of peo-

ple. Fifty-five per cent responded positively and indicated that the use of mobile telephones does contribute to an increase in traffic accidents. Twenty-one per cent responded negatively and 24 per cent were unsure.

The study shows that male university students are more prone to use mobile telephones than their female counterparts. This fact may be due to traditions which give male students more freedom. The study also revealed that the students within the 18-23 age group are considered to be the highest users of this modern facility.

Adults rank second in this list that uses mobile telephones, according to a large section of those interviewed. They recommended limiting and restricting the use of mobile telephones while driving to these age groups.

A number of students who took part in the study proposed that mobile telephones be linked

to the speedometers of cars in a manner that the telephone facility can only be used when the car is at a specified reduced speed.

Another section of students proposed that mobile telephones in cars should not be used during rush hours and in crowded streets. Another opinion is to disconnect power on mobile telephones during specific hours of the day — particularly during rush hours — morning and noons.

**Responsibility**  
On whether the mobile telephone company could be held responsible for the increase in the rate of traffic accidents, 53 per cent of the sample answered with don't know, 25 per cent answered that the company has no links whatsoever with the increase of traffic accidents and 22 per cent said the company is strongly related to traffic accidents. Built upon results, the study revealed that the company has nothing to do with the increase in traffic accidents and that drivers committing a violation while driving is the cause.

The study concluded that most of the traffic accidents witnessed by Kuwait roads occur because of drivers who don't comply with traffic rules. Most of the traffic accidents that occur in cars having mobile telephones are caused by the drivers' negligence. The study added that some mobile telephones need more effort than others in dialing a number or conducting a call while driving a car.

The other sources interviewed recommended that it should be made mandatory that mobile telephones in cars can only be used when the vehicle is stationary.

# Women in Kuwaiti workforce only 13.4pc

ACCORDING to a recent study conducted on the various economic activities in Kuwait, the percentage of Kuwaiti female citizens in the workforce has dropped to 13.4 per cent which indicates the need for a major upsurge in the total Kuwaiti workforce.

The report indicates that Kuwait has through its national development process attained high levels of skills in its labour force. The percentage of operatives in the scientific and professional sector among Kuwaitis rose to 20.5 per cent from 1.6 per cent in 1985. The percentage of those operating in the service field rose during the same period from 14.3 per cent to 32.1 per cent.

The report also shows a rise in the number of Kuwaitis working in the clerical sector from 15 per cent to 27 per cent. Despite this remarkable improvement, Kuwait still suffers from a lack of skilled professionals, and from high saturation percentage of Kuwaiti employees in clerical, supervision and service jobs in the government sector.

The report underlines a major decrease in the illiteracy percentage by 14.6 per cent and a similar increase in the number of university-degree holders by 12.8 per cent.

The report says that the Kuwaiti labour force increased annually at a rate of 4.2 per cent as of the end of the 89-90 plan. The national trend is seeking to train graduates in vocational and professional spheres, of both sexes, the study added.

# Work begins on Bahrain-Saudi telecom cables

WORK just commenced on the new 70-km telecommunication cable — 42 in Saudi Arabia and 28 in Bahrain is the first of its kind in the Middle East.

The installation of the optical-fibre telecommunication cable between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia has been entrusted to the Bahrain Telecommunication Company - (BTC).

Speaking to a local Bahraini daily, Ali Sahwan, BTC's Public Relations manager said that work on this project will last four months. The project is expected to be operational by the company during next January.

On completion, the project will contain 2,680 audio channels and can easily be tailored to accommodate televisual transmission, computer communications and related forms of communications. Once the system is fine-tuned, it will be immune to the adverse effects of humidity or high temperatures and maintain high-efficiency performance with no interference.

Special arrangements will be taken to ensure that the cable will be able to accommodate future expansion requirements over the next 20 years, Sahwan said.

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I AM a Filipino contract worker, working with a company at one of the housing projects. I came on August 21, 1988. My one year contract expires this year. I don't want to extend my contract even for a month. How long will it take for my office to have my visa cancelled?

They've told the first batch of workers, who came in June/July last year, that it will take a month to cancel their visas and repatriate them to the Philippines and their visas would be extended for a month to avoid the penalty of KD2 per day.

Should an employee bear the cost of the annual resident permit fee (KD10), employment medical check-up fee (KD10) and ID card fee (KD2) at the end of his contract? The company is charging us such fees.

USUALLY, it takes about a week to complete the cancellation formalities at Ministry of the Interior. However, we are not aware of the time lapse for processing collective cancellations. We also don't know the circumstances of the company, which is dealing with the cancellations, and therefore, we cannot say why it takes a longer period. Normally, after a visa is cancelled, a person is allowed to stay between two weeks and a month to pack up and leave.

The payment of fees for residence permit, Civil ID card and health checks-up depends on the agreement made between the employee and the employer. If it was agreed that the employer would bear these costs, they'll pay, if not you'll have to shoulder the cost. The documents you referred to are private and personal, and as such one is obliged to pay for them.

WHAT will be my end of service benefits in case: (a) I continue my service even after 20 years of service; (b) Am I entitled to get full indemnity after 18 years service without my resignation?

M.K.  
a) THE labour law says that end of service benefits, known as indemnity, shall not exceed 18 months wages. This means that your benefits will not be more than the equivalent of 18 months salary. If you are terminated, you're entitled to a full settlement; if you resign, you'll get half the sum.  
b) There is no clause in the law which entitles a person to get full indemnity after 18 years service "without resignation", as you have suggested.

I CAME to Kuwait in June in 1982 on visa No. 20. After five years I changed my residence from No. 20 to No. 18 with the same sponsor. Now I intend to transfer my residence.

1. Can I change my residence since I have completed three years under the same sponsor?  
2) My sponsor is prepared to give me a release letter but is refusing to renew my residence. Is there any way I can stay in Kuwait?

I have stayed for seven years in Kuwait. Mansoor G.  
1. No, you can't change your residence. The period of stay on No.20 visa is not taken into consideration. Your stay will be considered from the date you obtained visa No. 18.

2) As your sponsor is not ready to renew your residence, the only way to stay here would be to get a new visa from another sponsor. If you get a new visa, you can cancel your present residence, leave the country and re-enter Kuwait.

IN a partnership with a company or individual, if one of the parties terminates the contract, the other can claim or sue for the investment made. Is this law applicable in the case of tenancy? Is there a similar law for tenancy? For example, if a tenant spends money on getting sewerage connection, repairs or renovates the inside or outside of the house, and the landlord does not renew the contract and terminates it, can the tenant claim for damages?

Name withheld  
A CONTRACT cannot be terminated unilaterally as it was made between two parties and nothing can be changed without the consent of either party, and if one party terminates it, the other can claim the losses.

According to Kuwait's Real Estate Rent Law a contract can't be cancelled at the end of the period, and the landlord can't throw out a tenant.

Article 19 of the Rent Law says that if a rent contract ends, and the tenant stays in the house with the knowledge of the landlord, such a contract shall be considered renewed automatically for an unlimited period. And by the law, it is considered continuous, and the landlord can't force him to leave the place, unless he violates the clauses of according article 22. Violations include non-payment of rent, using the place for an office when it was residential building. If this is the case, then a tenant is obliged to vacate the place. Otherwise, he can continue to stay. If a tenant has not violated the law and has been forced out, he can claim damages in a court of law.

The court will determine the responsibility of the owner and what is owed to the tenant.

When a tenant rents a place, it has to be in a normal, habitable condition, ready for use. For example, if there were no fittings in the bathroom, and a tenant installs them, then these would be considered the responsibility for the landlord and he'll have to pay for them. But if the bathroom was ready and good for use but a tenant replaced the fittings, then it is not the responsibility of the owner.

MY QUESTIONS involve certain legal points of renting a villa and related aspects.

a) An expatriate ministry employee lives in a room of a villa, rented by him, and he has sublet other rooms. Then he rents another villa and sublets rooms to several people with substantial profit margin for himself. He himself does not occupy any room in this second villa. Is this sort of private business legally permissible by the general/service rules of ministry employees? Is such a person liable to any action by any authority on this count?

2) The tenant of a villa (mustajir) wanted to put a filthy carpet in an enclosure, which according to the understanding between the tenant and the subtenant, was reserved for that purpose. At the subtenant's objection, the tenant showed the subtenant a picture of physical assault, and under bullying did put the filthy carpet in the enclosure, thereby creating a situation of conflict and tension. How can the subtenant claim redress and compensation for mental torture and damage to social position; or seek security of his person and property? Will the agencies concerned take into consideration the fact that because of the fear of the mustajir, other subtenants may not come forward for evidence?

Name withheld  
(1) KUWAIT's Rent Law, article 14, forbids a tenant from re-renting (sub-letting) the place to any other person. He doesn't have the

right to sublet unless he has a written permission from the landlord to do so. If he didn't get a written permission, the landlord has the right to vacate him.

In case a tenant has the landlord's permission to rent and re-rent the building, the contract between the tenant and the landlord is not covered by the Kuwait Rent Law, according to Article No. 1.

(2) You can file a criminal case against the tenant for physical assault, bullying and mental torture. If the mustajir is found guilty, he will be fined and after that you can file another case to claim compensation.

However, it is essential to prove your claim by eye-witness testimony.

I HAVE been staying in Kuwait since July 1977. I completed my higher secondary school in Kuwait in 1985. Thereafter, I started working and had my residence permit transferred from that of a student to a work permit, No. 18.

In December 1987, I joined another firm and transferred my residence in their name. Unfortunately, in November 1988, this company closed down. I am given to understand that the company's file with the Ministry of Social Affairs is valid and still open. However, my residence permit is due to expire by December 14, 1989.

According to the Labour Law, and am I permitted to change my residence permit to another company where I am employed or likely to secure a job? I seek your valued advice.

K.A. Khan  
THE duration of residence is taken into consideration from the first date of employment, which in your case, would be 1985, when you got the work permit No. 18.

As you have not completed 10 years service, and three years with the present employer, you cannot seek a transfer of residence.

Kuwait Labour Law, No. 38/64, Article 59 says that a labour contract shall be terminated in case of a firm's closure, dissolution, liquidation, bankruptcy etc.

I suggest you approach the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and explain the situation and what happened and submit an application to the Minister of Social Affairs seeking an exemption.

Under the new rules, issued on March 22, 1989, Article 16 "The minister may exempt any person, as he deems appropriate, from the duration (three years minimum service) stipulated in this article."

If you make a collective application with other people from your company, the minister may give an exemption.

I CAME to Kuwait in February 1987 with visa No. 18 and have been working in a private company. The owner has other sister companies under his name. Now I intend to transfer my residence from one sister company to another. Can I change my residence as I have not completed three years service. The sponsor will be the same but the name of the company is different.

M.R. Giyorli  
IF the same sponsor owns all the companies, it is not necessary to change the residence because you will be working for the same owner's sister concern. When the inspectors check your visa, they'll know that you are employed by the same person, whether you work in Company "A", "B" or "C".

# Gulf industry facing self-created problems

THE most dangerous problems facing the Gulf industry is the unbalanced competition by foreign producers who are trying to suppress and liquidate the Gulf industry, a study by the Gulf Organisation of Industrial Consultancy said. The study added that foreign producers flood the local Gulf markets with their goods in a bid to compete with Gulf industries. They have the upper hand in most cases simply because they are more experienced in the field. The study said that the Gulf industry also faces problems like marketing, resulting mainly from high

production costs or low quality.

The study added that although primary conclusions indicate that the industrial sector is the least affected by the retreat in oil revenues and the most qualified to develop in conditions of economic recession; but the Gulf industry faces many other problems. The study concentrated in its research about private sector-sponsored industries in the Gulf states.

It said that some of the industrial investments launched during the boom days, were based on exaggerated and highly optimistic calculations reflecting the

situations during that era. Some of them even purposely exaggerated the costs of establishment to utilise government loans and assistance at easy terms.

**Restrictions**  
It added that Gulf industries ignored a very important fact that Gulf markets are primarily interested in high quality products rather than price. Some of the industrial projects ignored this fact and thus failed in market competition. Some of them depended on the state protection and support of their products without paying enough attention to competition.

The study said that there are a number of important factors that still restrict the contribution of the Gulf private sector in the industrial development in the region. It said that the commercial nature of the Gulf societies still dominates their activities, thus leaving only a few to care for industrial projects. It added that as the states are the only owners of the main source of income — oil, they always acted as the side responsible for working out the development projects without assigning the private sector important involvement in this process.

# Ban on entry of sheep at borders

THE director-general of the General Customs Department Ibrahim Al Ghanim has said that the decision by the Nuwaiseeb customs officials not to allow sheep-raisers to bring sheep into the country was taken on purely health grounds.

He told a local daily that the customs authorities had to be aware of public health, and therefore action must be swift and immediate.

He said that the department would as of today through Wed-

nesday start receiving secondary education graduates who had registered for the customs inspectors and controller training courses to carry out preliminary interviews.

He pointed out that the department had formed a number of committees in co-operation with the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training to look into applications. Qualified candidates would be selected.

Students would have to take a two-year course and would be assigned to grade five after graduation, Ghanim said, stressing that the total number of trainees approved for each course was 100, and 400 applicants had registered for the inspector course while 200 others applied for the controller course.

A year-long course in customs inspection techniques would be available to female applicants, and registration will start on July 27, but no decision has as yet been made whether to assign graduates from this course the fifth or sixth grade, Ghanim said.

# INDIAN DIGEST

## Indian spice exports to ME on the increase

INDIA's exports of spices to the Middle East have increased considerably during 1988-89 as compared to previous years.

According to a communiqué issued to the Arab Times by the regional head office of the Spices Board of India based in Bahrain, around 240,000 tons of spices valued at \$33 million were exported to the Middle East during 1988-89 compared to 10,700 tons in 1987-88 valued at 20 million and 21,000 tons in 1986-87 valued at \$31 million.

It was stated that the increase was mainly seen in black pepper and turmeric. Export of black pepper was 5,200 tons in 1988-89 compared to 2,820 tons in 1987-88 and 2,250 tons in 1986-87. Dry ginger accounted for 3,700 tons in 1988-89 compared to 1,800 tons in 1987-88 and 3,200 tons in 1986-87. Similarly, the export of turmeric was of the order of 10,300 tons during 1988-89 against 3,100 tons in 1987-88 and 10,000 tons in 1986-87. There was not much increase, however, in other items like curry powder, both in bulk and consumer packs, and seed spices such as coriander, cumin, fennel among others.

In recent times the India government has been promoting a vigorous campaign to increase exports of its spices to the Middle East market, including the Gulf. The Spices Board has been contacting buyers and consumers in the Middle East countries for a number of years to enable them to have a first-hand account of on-the-spot quality inspection procedures, growing aspects and production of various Indian spices. Recently, some of the prominent importers from the Gulf were invited for this purpose.

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# Border centres to be provided with utilities

## Inspection patrols ensure security

By Nawaf Al Hamil

THE head of the Salmi Border Centre, Lieut Col Faisal Al Fraji announced that a study was presented to higher authorities concerning the development of border centres. He pointed out that the study mainly aims at providing border centres with utilities and services to avoid shortages which currently exist.

Fraji stressed that the administration of Salmi Border Centre exerts all efforts to serve travellers and provide

them with comfort. He added that the intention is to form inspection teams to follow-up travel movement through the Salmi road and to provide assistance when necessary.

Fraji explained that officials at the centre face some problems represented by travellers with a low level of awareness and this causes problems with employees at the centre.

Regarding the nature of work, he stated that employees at the Salmi Border Centre follow the shifts system and

all employees at the centre are keen to implement rules assigned by the administration.

Concerning shortages at the Salmi Border Centre, Fraji said that the centre lacks sun shade to protect travellers from weather conditions. He added that a group of old and handicapped travellers cannot complete travelling measures fast enough. He pointed out that the Salmi Border Centre requires wind breakers to prevent sand from reaching the centre.

Fraji stressed that the administration provides security in the area and that it has allocated inspection patrols to censor external borders with the co-operation of other neighbouring border centres. He pointed out that the distribution of inspection points on external border exits is important for the interest of travellers and to ease pressure for the Salmi Border Centre administration. He said that forming inspection points at external lines will serve a big sector of travellers

especially during the summer. He stated that outside roads often witness serious traffic accidents which makes these inspection points very vital.

Fraji pointed out that the centre faces high pressure from travellers which requires an increase in the number of employees particularly during rush season. He said that the administration of the Salmi Border Centre includes several departments like the Customs Department, the Security Department and the Passports Department.

He stressed that strong co-operation exists between these departments emanated from directives of the security committee which hold regular meetings.

Fraji urged travellers to avoid loading tops of their cars to prevent traffic accidents in addition to keeping their automobile constantly maintained to avoid mechanical problems.

The passports officer at the Salmi Border Centre Passports Department,

Lieut Husain Al Mfaiir explained that work at the Passports Department requires accuracy in auditing information recorded in the passports of travellers. He pointed out that computer services at the Salmi Centre have made things easier to handle than before. He stated that 90,000 travellers have left Kuwait through the Salmi Border Centre during June 1989. He added that the Passports Department at the centre completes nearly 3,000 travel formalities daily.



A pedlar selling fruit by the road side.



Cheap cloth for sale with this door to door salesman.

## Pedlars refute published allegations

Municipality requested to provide space

By Nawaf Al Hamil

THE problem of pedlars in Kuwait has two dimensions, one is human that relates to their fate, families and their source of livelihood and the other is a civilised one relating to the appearance of the country, its stability and security, as well as the health situation.

One of the senior officials at Kuwait Municipality appealed to citizens and expatriates recently not to deal with these pedlars and warned that they could be a source of health dangers. He called for notifying the relevant authorities about their place and activities.

A South Yemeni pedlar Essa Mubarak said that he has been working at his job for many years. He added that he trades in clothes and shoes that he buys at

cheap prices from the local market and sells them to customers who search for bargains. He added that inspectors of the municipality attack pedlars and confiscate their goods which entails big losses.

He appealed to officials of the municipality to allocate places for pedlars to sell their goods which is their only source of livelihood.

Another pedlar rejected the accusations published in a local newspaper recently which claimed that pedlars sell stolen and fake goods. He added that these accusations are absolutely baseless. Most items we sell, are bought by us from the wholesale markets against a small margin of profit. He added that his customers are increasing and trust him. He added that most pedlars

work without licences which forced municipal inspectors to chase them and confiscate their goods. He called for providing a substitute to this job and called for co-operation of the municipality in allocating places to sell their goods.

Mohammed Mahfouz (pedlar) said that he has been working in this job for the last 37 years and has no alternative trade. He added that he buys clothes from the local market and sells them to people in houses or to owners of boutiques who accept such goods. He added that he walks for long periods under the heat of the sun to sell his goods. He added that accusations against pedlars of entering into houses and stealing or having sexual relations with maids at these houses are baseless accusations.

He added that pedlars seek to get money by the legal ways in this country. He added that customers trust pedlars and treat them humanely.

Mitwalli Mohammed (pedlar) who sells vegetables and fruits by the roadside said that he buys them from the vegetable market which are inspected by the health inspectors of the municipality to ensure they are fit for human consumption. He added that he has his own customers who come to buy his goods and they have as yet not complained of these vegetables and fruits.

One of the customers Saber Abdul said that he is convinced that the goods he buys from pedlars have a high quality beside their cheap prices. These goods are also good for human consumption, he said.

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## Use of civil number in documents proposed

INCORPORATING the same personal civil code number according to an individual in various official documents, such as passports and nationality certificates is preferable to using different numbers for documents belonging to the same person, Director of the Kuwaiti Laissez-passe Department Mohammad Al Hasawi said.

There is joint co-operation between the General Department for Nationality and Travel Documents and the General Department for Civil Information to verify the information appearing on official documents, the official said.

Rush

Seasonal summer crowds at the department always cause great work pressure and hamper progress. Nevertheless, there are cases where the department gives priority to people travelling abroad for medical attention or students trying to join their universities or institutes and businessmen seeking to catch important business appointments, Hasawi said.

He stressed that the department endeavours to process all transactions as soon as possible. But, some transactions require lengthy procedures, as other official agencies are involved in the processing of these documents.

He urged all Kuwaiti citizens spending their summer vacations abroad to ensure their passports are not misplaced and that in the case of any unfortunate event leading to the loss of this document, the owner must report it missing to the Kuwaiti consulate in the country where the loss occurred.

He pointed out that a thorough investigation will be carried out with the person who had lost his or her passport to find out the exact circumstances under which the passport was lost. The issue of a new passport would be determined by the relevant security authorities.

Passports or travel documents must be carefully protected so that they would not fall in the hands of unauthorised individuals who might use them to smear the reputation of Kuwait or use them to carry out sinister actions, the official reiterated.

He also urged citizens to ensure that their passports were valid, including those of their children and maids, so that they did not end up in an awkward situation.

## Sand movement study completed

By Jamal Amin

SECRETARY of the Environment Protection Council Ibrahim Hadi announced recently that the council has completed a comprehensive study on the movement of sands in the desert of Kuwait. The study was conducted by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) in a period of two years and cost KD61,000.

Hadi said that the purpose of the study was to determine the direction of and movement in order to control it and prevent desertification. He said that the study covered four areas, Huwaimiliya, Sulaibiya, Wafra and the southern coastal areas.

The main purpose of the study was to control sand movement

and the effect of dust storms, studying the physical and biological factors giving rise to sand storms and movement of dunes, estimating the average movement of sand and suggesting suitable technological methods to face the problem through the experiments of other countries, Hadi said.

He added that the study came out with a number of important proposals concerning the control of desertification. It called for working out the proper instructions and systems for the use of desert areas and the need to restrict vehicles from using these areas. The study also called for implementing correct methods for the utilisation of lands. The study called for increasing co-

operation and co-ordination between Kuwait and the neighbouring countries to fight desertification and reduce sand movement. It proposed co-ordinating the efforts exerted by the various scientific institutions in the region for the same purpose. The study also called for the need to protect green desert areas from human activity and grazing and to stabilise the soil and provide balancing factors to the land.

The study also called for carrying out a permanent programme to supervise the status of surface sands in desert areas and also the situation of wild plants and movement of sand dunes in a number of areas in Kuwait. It said that changes on these must be watched very carefully.

## Social care developing

WITH the opening of the new building for the disabled in the next plan, major benefits are envisaged to be extended at the social care centres.

The government pays great attention to the constantly developing social care centres and provides the best services to inmates, including high-calibre educational programmes, Dr Latifa Al Rujab, assistant undersecretary for social care at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour said.

Speaking to a local daily, she said that a delegation from these centres will visit a number of Gulf countries within the framework of the social activity plans developed for these centres.

Special committees have been formed to constantly evaluate social and psychiatric services at the social care centres for the elderly and boarding services at the care centre for mentally retarded women to ensure continued development of these services in the interests of patients, Rujab added.

## More support to research

THE vice-rector for medical affairs at Kuwait University Dr Basil Al Nageeb has said that research conducted in applied or basic science and meeting approved research standards is considered of substantial value as it is pivotal in developing the level of medical care in Kuwait.

The level of research undertaken at the Faculty of Medicine in infectious diseases, renal failures, diabetes, heart problems and the level of research activities at Kuwait University have undergone considerable improvement and gained international recognition. This has positively reflected on the high professional standards of faculty graduates, Nageeb said.

He added that the top-level attention to high-calibre research activities in the field of medical science, open-heart surgeries, transplants and cancers, had placed the country in the foreground of success in these disciplines.

## From the courts

### Sentenced for drug smuggling

THE Criminal Court sentenced a truck driver to seven years imprisonment with hard labour, a fine of KD7,000, a fine of KD10,000 as custom charges for smuggling half a million drug pills into Kuwait. The court also ordered the accused to be deported after completing the jail term.

Close surveillance of the suspicious activities of the accused led to his arrest. Under interrogations, the accused led police to two secret hideouts in his truck where the contraband had been concealed.

### 4 months jail for secretary

THE COURT of Misdemeanours sentenced a female secretary to four-months imprisonment to be followed by deportation for dishonesty and staying illegally in the country.

The complainant told the court that the accused was working for his father who had recently expired. The accused was entrusted with a number of suitcases containing important documents. However,

the secretary returned to the complainant all suitcases — containing only photocopies.

The court sentenced the accused to three months on the first charge and one month for illegally staying in the country. The court also ordered her deportation on completion of the sentences.

### Attempted rape charge

THE CRIMINAL Court sentenced a man to five-years imprisonment, or in lieu to pay KD300 to have the sentence suspended for attempting to rape a girl, and for stealing KD25 and a civil ID card after forcibly entering the house.

The victim said that she was sleeping with her two sisters when she noticed a stranger with his face completely hidden trying to rape her. Her screams woke her sisters and the accused tried to make good his escape by driving in his car.

He was arrested on a complaint filed by the victim's parents who provided the car driving plate numbers to the police which were observed by the victim's sister.

## Hospital statistics for 1988

STATISTICS issued by the Ministry of Public Health for the year 1988 showed that 20,680 patients were admitted to Sabah Hospital. It added that 482,862 patients visited the outpatients wards while 22,955 surgeries were performed. Statistics added that the capacity of Sabah Hospital is 547 beds, with 254 doctors, 614 nurses, and 254 technicians as of the same year.

It pointed out that 27,753 patients were admitted to Jahra Hospital, 119,082 patients visited the outpatients, and 6,319 surgeries were conducted. There were 466 permanent beds beside 146 additional ones while there were 166 physicians, 484 nurses and 125 technicians.

The largest number of patients admitted were at Farwaniya Hospital amounting to 34,887 patients and 133,006 patients visited the outpatients of the hospital. There were 27,557 operations performed at the hospital. The number of physicians are 182, nurses 575 and technicians 181 besides 20 pharmacists.

## KNPC labour union disappointed

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Labourers Union of Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) has described the company's reply to demands of the union to increase the risk and night shift allowances and to pay a new allowance of noise for workers of the company as disappointing. He added that the union has been demanding an increase in risk and night shift allowances since 1985. The oil minister gave an initial approval on this demand but the union is unaware as to why their demands have not been accepted to. He stressed that these demands have not been accepted to. He stressed that these demands have not been accepted to. He stressed that these demands have not been accepted to.

unions of the oil sector.

The union received on June 24, 1989 the reply of the administration of KNPC on the demands of the union. The company agreed to pay the noise allowance but refused to increase the risk and night shift allowances.

On the other hand, the complaints committee at Mina Abdullah Oil Refinery agreed to find a solution to the leaking of poison gases and bad smells from the utilities unit at the refinery by carrying out a new project specifically planned to eradicate these two problematic complaints.

## Bahraini poetry to be translated to English

TWO books of Arabic poetry translated into English by Bahrain-based authors will be on sale in the island shortly.

For the first time an authentic collection of original Bahraini poems will be available to English readers, thanks to a distinguished Bahraini scholar and writer Dr Mohammed Jabir Al Ansari. "The Literature of Bahrain, Ancient and Modern", written by Ansari will be published later this year in English for English-speaking expatriates in Bahrain and the Gulf to acquaint them with the "inner side" of this island represented by its culture and literature. According to the author the book is unique and should have a wide appeal.

Ansari, who is a founder member of Bahrain Writers Association,

is one of the country's best known poets and a "pioneering spirit" in the field of literature in the island. He belongs to a group of young talented writers which spread and inspired literary development of Bahrain in the sixties. Recently in recognition of his country in literature Ansari was presented with a State Merit Award by the Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa.

He is a well-known writer on Arabic culture, history and politics, as well as East Asian and Japanese affairs.

At present Ansari is an associate professor of Arabic and Islamic civilisation studies at the Arabian Gulf University.

## Increase in school pupils

TOTAL number of students in schools will be approximately 97,635 in the academic year 1989/1990 compared to 97,200 students last year, director of Hawalli Educational Area Abdulla Al Rujab said.

The official said that the authorities have decided to discontinue the usage of all pre-fabricated classrooms. The new plan envisages building new classrooms with air-conditioned facilities, the official added.

## Al Ahli Bank Appoints New General Manager

The board of directors of Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait has announced the appointment of Mr. Hendrik J. Kwant as the Bank's General Manager, effective 17.7.89, to succeed Mr. Stuart Webster, whose contract with the Bank expired on 15.7.89. Mr. Kwant joins Al Ahli Bank with many years of banking experience, holding top positions in multinational banks, as well as working as the General Manager of the Commercial Bank of Kuwait from 1974 to 1980.

Mr. Kwant's appointment — with his evidenced experience and efficiency — is viewed as a positive contribution to realizing the Bank's strategy and enhancement of the service delivered to the Bank's clients, locally and internationally.

## Emirates flies to Kuwait

DUBAI, July 16, (KUNA): Emirates Airlines today inaugurated a new air route to operate temporarily two weekly flights between Kuwait and Dubai, airline officials said.

The inauguration of Dubai-Kuwait air route is in implementation of an air transport co-operation accord concluded between Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) and Emirates Airlines last month.

According to the agreement, Emirates Airlines will operate six weekly flights of Boeing 727 between Kuwait and Dubai with the current regular flights of KAC between the two sectors.

Airline sources told KUNA today that Kuwait-Dubai flights will be increased to six weekly late in October following the next airline board meeting scheduled to determine an increase of flights or seating capacity in the light of operational results.

## Four new additions to KPTC fleet

KUWAIT Public Transportation Company (KPTC) has developed its marine fleet and added to it four new ferries named Edairi, Nahayem, Icarus and Failaka after receiving full authority over anchorages.

The Public Transportation Magazine published by the company stated that the company has actioned a plan to develop these anchorages. The plan includes repairs and reorganisation of current anchorages to streamline the mechanics of the anchorage process, building a portable passway that moves with the movement of sea water, building a bridge over the present passway, building a gate for incoming and outgoing ferries from and to anchorages and building two electricity and water distribution points.

### Development

The magazine pointed out that the company's plans include modernisation and development of services to provide easy transportation facilities.

Currently working bus routes were provided with fifty new air-conditioned mini-buses to operate at model areas. The company also operated 110 air-conditioned buses for the service of haj caravans this year along with an escort of administrative and technical delegation headed by the Acting Assistant Director for Transportation and Operation Affairs.

An official at the company pointed out that a number of air-conditioned buses were also operated in Qatar in order to serve haj caravans there.



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NOTHING can be honourable where justice is absent  
— Cicero, Roman statesman-philosopher (106 BC-43 BC).

## Reforms likely

## New optimism in Southeast Asia

HOPES for a brighter economic future are emerging on the Southeast Asian peninsula, where millions of people have died in wars, revolutions and insurgencies since the 1940s.

There is talk of the 1990s and beyond as a time when economic competition will replace battlefield combat and animosities that once divided the region will be overridden by new trade opportunities.

Many Western and Asian analysts say the new optimism is grounded in recent and rapid change in the region.

Vietnam, which invaded Cambodia in 1978, has pledged to pull its troops out by the end of September. The international community is seeking a solution to prevent civil strife in Cambodia after the withdrawal.

The invasion heightened fears of Vietnam as a powerful communist threat and split the region into two hostile blocs: communist Indochina and the pro-Western Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

A decade later, Hanoi appears to be easing its grip on Cambodia and Laos, the other two Indochinese states, and turning inward to repair and liberalise its broken economy.

Hanoi says exporting goods rather than revolution is the new order. At the same time, Asian observers note the Soviet, US — and perhaps even Chinese — presence in the region is receding.

"Increasingly, great power rivalry will have less relevance to the security of Southeast Asia," said Donald Weatherbee, a US expert.

The region has seen a half-century of conflict. World War II was followed by two devastating Indochina wars, by the Khmer Rouge reign of terror in Cambodia and a Chinese invasion of Vietnam.

Wars and economic mismanagement also pushed the three Indochinese nations, as well as Burma, into the ranks of the world's poorest nations. Average annual per capita income of all four is below \$200.

Thailand is claimed as the economic success story of the peninsula. But its position as ASEAN's "frontline state" invited border fighting and vast flows of refugees from Indochina. Until the early 1980s, it also was beset by a Chinese-backed insurgency.

Only this year, Thai Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan announced he would turn Indochina's "battlegrounds into marketplaces." Contacts among all three Indochinese countries have since accelerated.

"There must not be two Southeast Asias," Chatichai said. "Conflicts still remain, differences still exist, but all parties are speaking to each other."

Bangkok envisions a golden peninsula, "Suwannaphum," in which Thailand, Indochina and Burma develop close economic ties with itself as the hub.

Another scenario presupposes a decline in the 22-year-old ASEAN alliance of Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and the Philippines.

Under the theory, ASEAN might yield to two groups: the "Golden Peninsula" nations on the continent and island nations such as Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines with Singapore as their economic anchor.

A breakdown of peace efforts in Cambodia could shatter or postpone any of the scenarios. A three-party guerrilla coalition is still fighting the Vietnamese and the pro-Hanoi government in Cambodia, with China arming the coalition and Moscow underwriting Vietnam's forces.

Michael Leifer of London's International Institute of Strategic Studies says the Soviet Union wants to lessen the financial drain of its Vietnam and Cambodian involvements.

He also said Thailand seems willing to give Vietnam an economic role in Indochina once the military threat from its presence in Cambodia is removed.

The Thais, said Leifer, believe they can erode Hanoi's power in Laos and Cambodia through economic penetration and make these the traditional buffers between the two peninsular powers.

Trade and economic development already have blurred political alignments, transcending hostile borders.

Illegally and officially, goods stream between Thailand and Cambodia, China and Vietnam, Laos and Thailand. Even Burma, which isolated itself from the world for a quarter-century, has announced an open-door economic policy.

Sukhumband Paribatra, a Thai political scientist, predicts economic priorities will bring new power configurations.

He said the future conflicts will stem from competition over South China Sea oil, shrinking timber reserves, maritime fishing and other resources.

The experts look to Japan as a big economic force in the region. "The growing recognition of the importance of economics... is a trend that is likely to confer disproportionately large benefits upon Japan," Sukhumband said in a recent speech. "The end of the century is likely to see a fully fledged, region-wide economic pax Japonica in Southeast Asia."

Weatherbee said he thinks economic policies may already be made "more in the boardrooms of Tokyo rather than the foreign and economic ministries of ASEAN."

Widely foreseen are declining roles for the Soviet Union and the United States. But Josef Silverstein, another American expert on the region, believes China will maintain its centuries-old attitude of trying to have some sway over its southern neighbours.

If the Chinese are edged out of Cambodia, Silverstein said, they may seek to exert influence in Southeast Asia through Burma.

There, they could come into conflict with the Thais and a new player — India — which appears intent on extending its sphere of influence.

Japan could fill part of the economic vacuum left if the Soviet Union, China and the United States, no longer worried about offsetting each other's influence in the region, reduce the aid or favourable trade terms they offer to the region. (AP — Bangkok)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1581 — Edmund Campion, English Jesuit, is seized on charges of treason against English crown.
- 1596 — Sir Francis Walsingham succeeds in unravelling Babington plot to murder England's Queen Elizabeth I, and establishes that Mary Queen of Scots was implicated in the plan.
- 1603 — Sir Walter Raleigh is arrested for suspected complicity in plot to dethrone England's King James I.
- 1762 — Peter III, Tsar of Russia, is assassinated and is succeeded by Catherine II.
- 1791 — Massacre of Champ de Mars by Marquis de Lafayette restores order in Paris.
- 1880 — New penal code, based on that of France, is approved in Japan.
- 1890 — Cecil Rhodes becomes Premier of Cape Colony in Africa.
- 1894 — Italian forces take Kassala, Sudan, from the Dervishes.
- 1936 — Spain's Civil War starts as General Francisco Franco leads armed forces in revolt against Spain's government.
- 1961 — New constitution goes into effect in British Guyana.
- 1965 — US B52 bombers from Guam make their first strikes in Vietnam in support of allied ground operations.
- 1968 — Right wing group of army officers overthrows Iraq government.
- 1973 — Afghanistan is proclaimed republic following palace coup which ends 40-year rule of King Mohammed Zahir Shah.
- 1975 — US astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts in Apollo and Soyuz spacecraft link up while in orbit and join hands.
- 1987 — France breaks diplomatic relations with Iran.
- 1988 — Police impose "shoot-on-sight" curfew in Hyderabad, Pakistan, after gunmen attack the mayor.

## Jobs, marriage offers await refugees

## Turkey absorbs influx

OFFERS of housing, jobs and marriage await ethnic Turks arriving by the thousands each day from Bulgaria.

The offers are allowing Turkey to smoothly absorb the influx, but authorities fear being overwhelmed if the exodus continues.

Since May, when Bulgaria first started deporting ethnic Turks and then gave passports to others who wanted to leave, 135,000 have crossed into Turkey, according to Turkish officials in this city near the border.

The 1-million-strong Turkish minority in Bulgaria has been subjected to a government campaign that forces them to adopt Slavic names, bans the use of Turkish in public and restricts their Muslim religious rites.

Each day about 3,500 people pour in and within a few days most leave for jobs and new homes or move in with relatives who emigrated several decades ago, said the provincial governor, Unal Erkan.

A refugee camp of white conical tents, set up on treeless plot next to the railroad station, has become a way station.

One of the main centres of activity in the camp is a large tent set up by Turkey's labour placement office where employer representatives from throughout the country meet with immigrants seeking work.

Hayrettin Aydin had come from the Black Sea port city of Giresun to hire 10 workers for his mining company. "We saw these people arriving with their few belongings on the TV news. We were moved, we wanted to help," he said.

Soon he had struck a deal with two young men in their 20s. One of them, Ercan Kurtulus, said, "As long as we have a job and a place to stay we don't care what or where. There is no going back to Bulgaria."

Companies offering jobs to the immigrants say most of them are skilled workers and that ethnic Turks who settled here before established a reputation for hard work.

Turkey, with a population of 55 million, has an unemployment rate of about 16 per cent but in most fields there is a shortage of skilled workers. Welders, fork lift operators and electricians are in demand.

There is also a dark side to the hiring story. Some companies have fired their workers to replace them with labour from Bulgaria thinking they can get them cheaper at starting minimum wages, union leaders say. The government has pledged to stamp out the practice by fining the companies involved.

"This is a very sensitive matter," says Necdet Kiliç, a leader of the Bulgarian immigrant community. "We don't want resentment and bad blood between the people here and the immigrants."

Aid for the refugees comes in many forms. On a bulletin board at the Edirne camp are letters offering to marry widowed or single women among the immigrants. One recent offer came from Hasan Camci, 75, who was looking for a "suitable mate."

At one corner of the camp, next to the water fountains, a local barber has set up shop to give free haircuts to the arrivals. Boys get free circumcision, an Islamic practice banned by the Bulgarians.

Turkey's workers in Europe, coming home for the feast of sacrifice, one of Islam's two major holidays, drop West German marks at a collection box. So far, officials say, 350,000 marks (\$187,000) have been collected.



An ethnic Turkish woman sits in front of her tent in a refugee camp in Edirne near the Bulgarian border.

"Some people bring a crate of tomatoes, others a few freshly baked pies," said Gov. Erkan.

The government pays for 400 trucks which transport the immigrants and their belongings from the border to other parts of the country. Taking advantage of the summer season, local authorities have thrown open boarding school and university dormitories to the arrivals as temporary shelter.

At the camp there is a tent school to teach the immigrants who speak Turkish but cannot write it well.

Ethnic Turks who immigrated previously and settled mostly in western parts of Turkey have the biggest share in the aid effort. (Edirne, Turkey — AP)

## Long on principle, short on action

## G-7 summit skirts real issues

NO bold action was taken at the 15th Annual Economic Summit.

The deliberations by the leaders of the seven Western industrialized nations reflected the cautious tone and style of President Bush, who led the way in discussions on political changes in Eastern Europe and China and on the environment.

One has dubbed the Paris Summit as the "Reaffirmation Summit" with the political communiqué reaffirming stands taken before against international terrorism and in support of human rights.

What was missing was an action plan. It appeared the summit partners were in favour of mother and apple pie, to use an American expression.

Apparently, there was a harmony and congeniality at the summit. No one wanted to pick any fights and on the political side, at least, they were in basic agreement on most issues.

Harmony and respect for human rights echoed yesterday from the summit document adopted by leaders of the world's seven richest democracies in a windowless room on the 35th floor of the Grand Arch, France's latest architectural innovation.

On the bicentenary of the French Revolution, it was only natural that the seven reaffirmed their commitment to freedom and democratic principles, pointedly urging China to cease its repression of pro-democracy forces.

But facing no immediate threats to their security or their economies, the summiters issued a communiqué that thundered at terrorists without identifying their supporters. It skirted the oppressive hunger of the undernourished Third World. And it pledged no cold, hard cash for Poland and Hungary

to facilitate the transition of the two Soviet bloc countries to free market economies.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in a last-minute manoeuvre, won approval for holding a conference of "all interested countries" later in the summer to consider Poland's urgent food problems.

However, French President Francois Mitterrand, a Socialist host presiding over a gathering of largely Conservative leaders, found no support for his proposal to set up an international conference with poor countries to consider ways to ease their staggering \$1.3 trillion debt. Mitterrand had to abandon the idea.

With some two dozen heads of Third World countries here as guests of the Bicentennial celebrations, the communiqué offered mostly hopeful rhetoric.

The section on China contains a call for action by the World Bank to postpone new loans as a way of registering "our deep sense of condemnation" over Beijing's repressive measures. Also, Chinese students who do not wish to return home were informed they could stay indefinitely in the United States, Britain, Canada, France Italy and West Germany.

No sanctions were recommended, reflecting the views of the United States and Japan that such steps could derail China's economic reforms.

"We look to the Chinese authorities to create conditions which will avoid their isolation and provide for a return to co-operation based upon the resumption of movement towards political and economic reform and openness," the communiqué said.

In addition, the leaders said they shared the "grave concern" felt by the people of Hong Kong, which will revert from British control to China by 1997.

"We call on the government of the People's Republic of China to do what is necessary to restore confidence in Hong Kong," they added.

But for the people of Hong Kong the statement could not have added much comfort since it was a rhetorical pronouncement with no teeth in it.

A separate declaration condemned state-sponsored terrorism, a stand the summit seven have taken for several years. "We are determined not to let terrorists remain unpunished," they said.

They also called on "those holding hostages to release them immediately and unconditionally and on those with influence over hostage-takers to use it to this end." Nine Americans are being held in Lebanon by Islamic fundamentalists with no movement on winning their release so far in the Bush administration.

And while the seven leaders encouraged "greater freedom and democracy" in Central and Eastern Europe, they showed no evidence of immediate aid to match the package of incentives, including \$115 million and \$25 million, respectively, Bush extended to Poland and Hungary during his visits to the Soviet bloc nations.

Even before the leaders opened their deliberations Friday evening at a lavish dinner of stuffed lobster and lamb, washed down with Chateau Mouton, 1918, a tentative US proposal to create a "clearinghouse" for aid to Poland and Hungary was jettisoned. (Agencies — Paris).

## Sexism rules in House of Commons

## Male MPs accused of chauvinism

IT is 70 years since the first female member of Parliament was forced to clamber over the knees of her amused male colleagues to take her seat in Britain's House of Commons.

Now there are 42 women in the 650-stronger lower Parliamentary chamber and a woman has been Prime Minister for the last 10 years. Yet the sexist teasing suffered by Nancy Astor in 1919 does not seem to have diminished.

Former House of Commons researcher Lesley Abdela lists a catalogue of jibes and more serious chauvinism suffered by female MPs in a new book, "Women With 'X' Appeal", a reference to the mark voters make on the ballot by the name of their chosen candidate.

Abdela said she did not set out to find evidence of sexism. Her book deals with all aspects of being a female MP, seen through the eyes of the women themselves, and it was only in the course of her research that the tales of chauvinism emerged.

Some of the most serious examples came from women who were rejected by the selection committees which choose parliamentary candidates.

One, who has since become a senior executive in broadcasting, was told she was too small, while others were disqualified for being "too pretty" or for wearing high heels.

Those who made it through an election found

they faced formidable ribaldry in the House.

Newcomers to the wood-panelled 19th century chamber in the Palace of Westminster are often shocked by the language and behaviour of MPs who jeer, laugh and interrupt speeches.

"It's schoolboy stuff, but there's a nasty edge to it. With male MPs they attack what they say. With women MPs they attack what they look like. It can be savage," Conservative MP Teresa Gorman said recently.

Abdela found that discussion of women's issues was frequently met with shouts of, "Oh no, not that boring subject again", while some individuals came in for more personal abuse.

"When Clare Short (a Labour MP) made a very emotional speech about abortion and talked about the horrors of back-street abortions, there were comments like 'You should know, you old slag,'" said Gorman.

The culprits are not confined to one party, although Abdela suggested the "Old School" Conservatives might be more frequent offenders than their Labour colleagues, and she indicated that most of the abuse came from a small group she called "Yahoos."

She saw the surge of support for the Greens Party in the recent European elections as a good sign, and noted the women who were members of the European Parliament said male chauvinism there

was not a problem.

"The Greens are streets ahead of the other parties when it comes to sexism," she said.

The author said she had not come across any cases of physical abuse "other than bottom-pinching in the Division Lobby (the ante-room where MPs go to vote), which used to happen quite a lot."

Not all the women Abdela talked to felt disturbed by sexism. Health Minister Edwina Currie said she found it quite amusing, while others dismissed it altogether.

"But the point is a significant number of women said they were made to feel like intruders in a male domain," said Abdela.

The book's publication in the autumn will coincide with the planned televising of proceedings in the Commons, but Abdela does not think this will do anything to improve behaviour.

"The way it's being envisaged, coverage will be sanitised, just like Hansard (the written parliamentary record), and as such will be no help at all," she said.

So will her book shock the chauvinists into behaving properly?

"What I hope is, by highlighting and slightly ridiculing the men who are doing this we will begin to deal with the situation. It's while everyone keeps quiet that people can get away with it," she said. (Reuter — London).

## Mbeki seen as threat by South Africa

IN a two storey township apartment in South Africa's Eastern Cape, a grey-haired man receives visitors like a head of state.

Govan Mbeki, 79, a veteran leader of the African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla organisation, analyses current events with the eloquence of a seasoned parliamentary politician.

But while blacks see "Uncle Gov" as a national hero and foreign diplomats regard him as a probable minister in a future black government, he is viewed as a threat to state security by the white minority government.

In November 1987 Mbeki was released on humanitarian grounds after 23 years in jail alongside ANC leader Nelson Mandela for trying to overthrow white minority rule.

Within weeks he was served with a government order restricting him to his home town of Port Elizabeth, barring him from giving press interviews, being in the company of more than 10 people or leaving his magisterial district without government permission.

He challenged the curbs in court without success. Mbeki, a close friend and colleague of Mandela, is one of the most senior ANC officials ever released from prison.

"Uncle Gov is fit for any description of a head of state. He has such stature. When he talks or reads he could be likened to a retired professor," said anti-apartheid activist Arnold September.

Immediately after his release Mbeki reaffirmed his support for the ANC's guerrilla campaign to end white domination and said he was still a dedicated communist.

His home is in New Brighton, a run-down township adjoining Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape. The region is regarded as a stronghold of the ANC.

Before his imprisonment, the ANC's Eastern Cape chairman had been a journalist and leading left-wing intellectual. He has a degree in economics, an honorary doctorate from Amsterdam university and has published a book and many articles.

Despite the curbs Mbeki receives scores of visitors every day. When a correspondent visited him privately, he interrupted a busy session on his word processor and said he was ready to discuss any issue.

Many foreign government officials visiting South Africa visit New Brighton to hear his views. On July 23, Mbeki will have lunch at his apartment with Gerald Kaffman, Britain's opposition Labour Party foreign affairs spokesman.

Earlier this month at the request of the United States government, Pretoria allowed him to travel to Johannesburg to hold discussions with US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Herman Cohen.

"The government thought they could render him useless, but they did not succeed. Although his presence is symbolic since he cannot openly address people, he engages intellectually with anybody about any subject and is well informed," human rights worker Daniel Daniels said.

"What is the logic of that — to try and remove from circulation the only people who can say to the masses in times of violence, 'hold back'?" he asked.

Mbeki's release was seen as a "dry run" for Mandela's. The ANC leader remains in custody but there are persistent hints he may be freed soon.

On July 5 South African President P.W. Botha held an unprecedented meeting with the ANC leader, intensifying speculation that he plans to order Mandela's release.

Last Wednesday, Mandela issued a statement challenging Pretoria to negotiate with the ANC and a coalition of anti-apartheid groups known as the Mass Democratic Movement.

Political analysts suggest Pretoria could release Mandela, and impose stringent restrictions on him as they have done on Mbeki.

But others say Mandela stands head and shoulders above Mbeki and other political prisoners, and because of his international status would probably ignore restriction orders.

Mbeki's wife and daughter live in the nominally-independent black homeland of Transkei and visit him occasionally. His three sons left South Africa many years ago.

One of them, Thabo Mbeki, is ANC director for information at the organisation's Lusaka headquarters. He is regarded as a possible future ANC leader.

Mbeki has been refused a passport to travel overseas to visit his sons and to accept numerous invitations to lecture at universities in Europe and the United States. He has been asked to attend conferences in Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Iceland.

"It is all part of a plan to make him as uncomfortable as possible," his lawyer Priscilla Jana said.

Friends and activists say Mbeki considers that Pretoria's apartheid reforms are cosmetic and that the government has not begun addressing fundamental issues such as black political rights.

They say he believes black majority rule is inevitable.

"At least we have a hope for a just society to come, a South Africa that belongs to its people regardless of origin, and we wish people like Mbeki would live long to guide us," Daniels said. (New Brighton — Reuter)

## Quote me

"Mikhail Gorbachev and Rajiv Gandhi noted the similarity of positions taken by the Soviet Union and India with regard to recent events in China and their determination to further develop good neighbourly relations with that great country." A statement from Soviet news agency Tass reporting on an official visit to Moscow by Rajiv. The dispatch did not mention the Chinese Army's bloody suppression of student-led demonstrations last month.

"I don't know what they want. The situation is not in favour of the opposition. It is not a question of giving, it is a question of real politics." — Yossi Alhineer, Shami's spokesman said about Israeli Labour Party.

"I believe that the world is moving toward resolving problems wherever they threaten stability in any region of the world and therefore world peace." — King Hussein of Jordan said during a television interview.

"We're just going backwards again." — An executive at the Jinguo Hotel in Beijing where all foreign newspapers and magazines were seized by Chinese authorities.

"I have looked at the past period and I believe that I personally probably was not as involved as I might have otherwise been in the affairs of Jordan internally. I had focused my attentions on the Arab world and the world scene." — King Hussein of Jordan said during an interview.

"Everyone's got their faults. But when you were doing something that you got paid for and was glorified, are you totally to be blamed?" — Courson, a heart transplant patient, who is in waiting list in US since March 31, said.

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## Austria seeks second Iranian

VIENNA, July 16, (KUNA): Austrian authorities are looking for a second Iranian diplomat, who took part in last Thursday's meeting here, in which three Kurdish were murdered and another Iranian diplomat was injured, local press reports said today.

The Daily Courier newspaper quoted Austrian security sources as saying that the second Iranian diplomat had fled the scene following the bloodbath.

Courier noted that the Iranian-Kurdish meeting, which took place in an apartment owned by an Austrian lady, grouped the secretary-general of the Kurdish Democratic Party Abdul Rahman Qassemlo, his deputy Abdullah Qaderi Azar, Kurdish-born Austrian national Fadhil Rasoul, two Iranian diplomats and their body guard.

The first meeting between the five, in the same apartment, took place Wednesday and ended in a deadlock.

The Austrian paper quoted the sources as saying that the talks had tackled the possibility of Qassemlo's return to Iran after granting him amnesty and an opportunity to contact the authorities in Tehran.

Meanwhile, an Iranian opposition group said today that the injured Iranian is a top officer of Tehran's revolutionary guards.

The People's Mujahadeen identified the injured man as Mohammed Djarf Saharoodi, deputy commander of the guards 15th Corps based in the west Iranian city of Kermanshah and the officer responsible for liaison with Kurdish groups.

Austrian police said a man with an Iranian diplomatic passport bearing Saharoodi's name was shot through the jaw during the killings of Qassemlo and two other activists.

"Saharoodi uses a diplomatic passport and the pseudonym Rahimi," the Mujahadeen said in a statement sent from Baghdad and received in Vienna. "He has been the operational commander of the guards 15th Corps since 1986, and was the liaison officer with Iraqi Kurdish groups."

The man is now in hospital. Police declined to comment on the statement and said an investigation was under way.

He was meeting the activists in a Vienna apartment when gunmen burst into the room and opened fire.

Police say he left the apartment and, before collapsing on the street, handed over \$9,000 to a fifth man, Amir Mansour Bozorgian, just arriving for the meeting.

The Mujahadeen said Bozorgian was an Iranian intelligence agent who had acted as a contact between Qassemlo's pro-Iraqi Democratic Party of Kurdistan. Qassemlo, 59, has led Iranian Kurds opposing Tehran for more than 20 years. Iraq and Iran each backed autonomy-seeking Kurdish groups in the other country during their eight-year war.

Coroners of Vienna's criminal court affirmed that the three murdered Kurds were struck with 16 bullets, 14 of which have been found.

Police said a submachine-gun and two pistols equipped with silencers found on the night of the shootings had been identified as the weapons used in the attack.



Shoe search

A group of Palestinian men are made to remove their shoes as they are searched by Israeli border police in Jerusalem's Old City on Saturday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Shamir poll plan unchanged: US

Cabinet's approval needed: Peres

WASHINGTON, July 16, (Agencies): Secretary of State James Baker said yesterday he had been assured by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that Shamir's Palestinian election peace plan had not changed.

"The last word we've heard ... is from Yitzhak Shamir himself saying that the proposal, his proposal, has not changed one iota," Baker said in a US television interview.

Interviewed in Paris during the economic summit Baker said that Shamir's assurance was the reason Baker had held off sending an envoy to Israel to clarify Shamir's position.

Baker said he considered sending a special envoy for the Israeli election plan at the Paris summit and had told Egyptian leaders on Friday he was convinced the plan was unchanged. Shamir's plan calls for Palestinian election of representatives in Israeli occupied territories to negotiate an interim and later a final peace settlement with Israel.

Baker said he considered sending a special envoy to clarify the position after Shamir's Likud Party approved restrictions last week that the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising be crushed before the elections and that East Jerusalem Arabs be excluded.

He said he decided after Shamir's assurance that a US envoy would not be needed at this time. Baker did not say whether Shamir had given the assurance directly to him or it was gleaned from statements Shamir has made on the subject.

But Baker said a US emissary might yet be sent if Shamir's commitment to his proposal becomes unclear.

Vice-Premier Shimon Peres said today that Israel's cabinet must reaffirm the original plan for Palestinian elections as the price for keeping his Labour Party in the national unity government.

Peres said only reaffirmation of the original plan, devoid of hardline conditions attached to it by Shamir's right-wing Likud Party, could restore the credibility of the Israeli peace initiative.

Ministers said Shamir, seeking to resolve a government crisis, promised the cabinet that he would put forward a formula reaffirming the plan for a vote at its next meeting.

Asked what would satisfy Labour, Peres told reporters after meeting Shamir: "A very clear decision without contradiction that will return us to the previous situation."

He said this should settle contradictions between the original plan and Likud's insistence that the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising must be crushed before the elections are held and that East Jerusalem Arabs must be barred from voting.

King Hussein of Jordan attacked Israel's plans for elections in the occupied territories and called on Israel's friends to "save it from itself" in an interview broadcast yesterday.

Asked for his reaction to the election plan put forward by Shamir, Hussein told a British television interviewer: "I do not favour it, in the sense that it is obviously, as it is, totally unacceptable."

President Mubarak of Egypt has praised the United States policy on the Middle East saying Washington is taking a "very positive steps" for solving the Arab-Israeli problem.

An Islamic fundamentalist group helping to direct the Palestinian uprising urged Gaza Arabs today to burn Israeli-issued entry permits.

In its latest underground leaflet distributed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, also urged Palestinians to reject firmly Israel's proposal for elections in the occupied territories.

Israel's chief of staff has ordered an inquiry into alleged violence in one of the country's elite Army units, a military spokesman said today.

Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron ordered military police to investigate after receiving a military court verdict in the case of a soldier who said he shot himself in the leg after being persecuted by fellow recruits.

The Israeli occupation authorities will build a new big detention centre in occupied West Bank to absorb the rising number of Palestinian prisoners, a report by Radio Israel indicated.

Residents could not say whether the government casualty toll was accurate and that the area of the violence had been closed to the public since Friday.

A group of 44 Italians who left Somalia after clashes in the capital returned to Rome today and described Mogadishu as tense and short of water, food and electricity.

"On the streets of Mogadishu on Friday we would hear continuous gunfire. They threw stones at cars," a woman holding a small baby told reporters on arrival at Rome airport.

A New Zealand national, Vincent Gason, was among those wounded on Friday when fighting erupted about mid-day between security forces and Muslims as the worshippers left prayer services, the British embassy said.

The embassy, which handles New Zealand affairs in Somalia, said Gason got caught in crossfire and was shot in the back. The bullet was removed at a Mogadishu hospital where Gason is recuperating.

## Likud's action a 'fatal blow'

Arab hardliners smug

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 16, (AP): Arab hardliners led by Syria say their suspicions about Israel have been vindicated by harsh new Israeli conditions for holding elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

While some Arabs want to intensify the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories, unhappy moderates are pushing the United States to save the current Middle East peace initiative.

Arabs greeted with disdain, but not totally rejected Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's blueprint for elections in the West Bank and Gaza, which would have granted limited autonomy but ruled out any Israeli withdrawal.

But the right-wing Israeli Likud Party's recent stiffening of conditions appear to have torpedoed any hope of a compromise on elections that would be a major stepping stone toward an eventual Arab-Israeli settlement.

The Likud's recent conditions insist that: Elections will not lead to a Palestinian state or the surrender of any part of the territories captured in 1967; the uprising must end before any ballot; and Palestinians in occupied Jerusalem cannot vote because Israel had annexed the holy city's Arab eastern sector.

However, informed diplomatic sources in the Syrian capital of Damascus said Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa told visiting Arab ministers that the Likud action has served as a warning to those who counted on Israel's willingness to make peace.

He and other Syrian officials say that their hardline policy, refusing concessions and insisting on an international conference aimed at the return of all Israeli-occupied territories and setting up a Palestinian state, has been right all along.

Deadly blow

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said the Likud action dealt a 'deadly blow' to the election option.

Arafat said it was the unconditional US support for Israel that encouraged Likud to add the unacceptable new conditions to Shamir's plan.

Arafat told the New York Times that the phase of seeking elections is over and it is time to seek implementation of the Palestinian proposal for an international conference, an idea firmly opposed by Israel and, until recently by the United States.

He hinted that current US-PLO talks, which the Israelis have sought to undermine, might be shut down if the United States cannot salvage the situation.

Egypt, a moderate state which like Israel depends on the United States for billions of dollars a year in aid, is also counting on US action to save the situation.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said that if the Likud conditions change the Israeli coalition government's original election plan, "it means that the idea of elections has been blown up."

Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid conveyed Egypt's displeasure to the US ambassador in Cairo and told reporters that the Likud conditions "complicate the situation, increasing tension in the occupied territories."

US Secretary of State James Baker, in a move seen as an attempt to pressure Israel to drop the conditions, has hinted that if Israel insists on them, the United States might consider organising an international conference.

Leaders in the oil-rich Gulf states were watching quietly. But the media indicated loss of hope in the moderate approach and tacit approval of the Syrian stance, as long as Shamir is in power.

The Syrians kept quiet publicly after the Palestinian National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-exile, decided last November to seek a negotiated settlement and Arafat's December renunciation of terrorism brought a PLO dialogue with the United States.

But they made it clear that they disagreed and that sooner or later their hard line would be proven the correct one.

Many Palestinians, including George Habash's Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and a group within Arafat's mainstream Fatah faction, also voiced reservations and are expected to restate them harshly at a Fatah executive council meeting later this month.

Reconciliation

There have been reports from Damascus that hardline Libya is attempting to bring about a reconciliation between long-feuding Syrian President Hafez Assad and Arafat in light of the new developments.

Arafat, who has navigated skillfully in inter-Arab disputes, must be careful not to anger Syria's arch-rival, Iraq, where he maintains the PLO's military headquarters.

The decade-old Syria-Iraq dispute has been intensified in recent months over Lebanon. The Iraqis are arming the Christians, while Syria besieges them to force them to make power-sharing concessions to its Muslim allies.

### Algerian reforms

## Debate opened

ALGIERS, July 16, (Reuters): Algeria's National Assembly opened an extraordinary session today to further debate sweeping economic and political reforms launched after last October's riots.

Deputies were due to discuss a proposed new information code, a draft electoral law and joint venture legislation designed to attract foreign capital, an assembly official said.

All are potential landmarks in Algeria's evolution since last October from a one-party socialist state to a multi-party democracy with an increasingly liberal economy.

Last year's riots over deteriorating economic conditions led President Chadli Benjedid to promise reforms enshrined in a new constitution adopted by referendum last February.

The 295-seat chamber convened an extraordinary summer session to complete discussion of reform laws begun during a three-month spring session that ended on July 3.

The information code is expected to guarantee freedom of expression and some measure of autonomy to the country's media which has been tightly controlled by the government and ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) since independence in 1962.

Information Minister Mohamed Ali Amar has said the law would allow political groups other than the FLN to set up their own newspapers.

But FLN secretariat chief Abdelhamid Mehri announced last month the country's two largest circulation dailies, El Chaab in Arabic and El Moudjahid in French, would remain under the FLN.

The assembly has already adopted a law on political associations that sets ground rules for the creation of new parties.

The draft electoral law proposes a modified form of winner-take-all balloting that could be tested in local elections later this year.

The draft joint venture law, if passed, would for the first time allow foreign investors to hold a majority share in partnerships with Algerian state enterprises.

## Kabul bomb death toll reaches 20

KABUL, Afghanistan, July 16, (AP): Eleven people died overnight in hospitals, raising the death toll to 20 from a truck-bomb that exploded yesterday in downtown Kabul, hospital sources said today.

No one has claimed responsibility for yesterday's midday blast, but the government has accused rebels and unidentified foreigners.

About 40 people were injured. Many lost arms or legs.

The Soviet-backed communist government, which has been under attack by Muslim mujahideen rebels for a decade, tightened security in the city of

2.2 million. Tanks and armoured personnel carriers patrolled the city overnight.

The government said the bomb, which was concealed in a Toyota truck, may have contained as much as 500 kilograms (1,100 pounds) of dynamite.

When the bomb detonated, the normally busy street was less crowded because of celebrations marking Eid Al Adha, the Muslim feast of sacrifice.

"The explosion is the work of our opponents and foreign agents who support them," Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani said.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Drug dealers held

MEADOWS, Texas, July 16, (UPI): The son of an Egyptian diplomat was among nine people arrested in a series of raids on people selling and using the drug ecstasy in Fort Bend County near Houston, police said.

Sheriff Beddair Elmagrawy, 17, was released to his parents on Thursday, but the other people remained in the Fort Bend County jail with bail set at \$25,000 each, said Meadows police chief Paul Hughes.

Elmagrawy's father, Bedair Elmagrawy, a career Egyptian diplomat, told police that his son is protected by diplomatic immunity.

Hughes, however, said immunity cannot be applied in this case.

Besides the arrests, police also seized four cars, including a Ford Mustang GT with US Department of State licence plates.

### Spying for the US

CAIRO, July 16, (UPI): An unidentified Egyptian charged with "spying for the United States" will be tried this week by the State Security Court, the newspaper Al-Akhar reported in its today's edition.

The newspaper said the man, identified only as a physician, is charged — along with his brother and wife — with "spying for the United States."

The man has been caught by the Egyptian intelligence while spying for America and sending information about the riots that take place in the Egyptian universities and between Muslims and Christians in return for an initial monthly salary of 200 that was brought up to 300 a month, the newspaper said.

The physician has confessed and his trial before the state security court will begin on Tuesday, the newspaper said.

Women warned

ANKARA, July 16, (Reuters): Women protesters will be jailed by breakaway north Cyprus if they march across the Green Line which has divided the Mediterranean island since shortly after its invasion by Turkish troops 15 years ago.

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash said he regarded a plane's crossing of the Green Line by Greek Cypriot women on July 20, the 15th anniversary of the invasion, as a criminal offence and provocative.

"If they really go ahead with this folly, we have to say beforehand that everyone involved will have to suffer the consequences," the Anatolian news agency last night quoted him as saying.

Official visit

ABU DHABI, July 16, (Reuters): United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan is due to start his first official visit to Britain on Tuesday, the Emirates News Agency WAM reported today.

It said during his three-day visit Sheikh Zayed would hold talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the Gulf, the Middle East and bilateral ties.

Meat delivery

NICOSIA, July 16, (Reuters): Afghan refugees in Pakistan are among the poor being given meat from thousands of sheep sacrificed in Saudi Arabia during the annual haj pilgrimage.

The Saudi Press Agency said today a Pakistani aircraft left Jeddah on Friday night for Peshawar carrying the carcasses of nearly 3,000 sheep, bringing to more than 8,400 the number sent to Afghan refugees during the past two days.

Meat from another 9,000 sheep has already been sent to Jordan for distribution among Palestinian refugee camps, the agency said, adding that more meat would also be sent to Sudan, Chad, Lebanon and Syria.

Egyptian exhibition

PARIS, July 16, (AP): President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt joined French Premier Michel Rocard today to inaugurate an exhibition of Egyptian masterpieces from the Pharaonic, Coptic and Islamic periods.

The exhibition "Egypt-Egypt" opens to the public tomorrow at the Louvre for the Arab World, of which Egypt has been a member since February.

US offer rejected

ANKARA, July 16, (Reuters): NATO-member Turkey has rejected a US offer to lease four elderly frigates to bolster its Navy, Western military sources said today.

Turkey's Navy, which guards areas of the Aegean and Black Seas and the eastern Mediterranean, now appears likely to seek more West German-designed Meko 200 frigates in addition to six either in service or being constructed.

The sources said Turkey turned down the offer to lease the ex-US Navy frigates *Vege*, *Edward McDonnell*, *Ramsay* and *Schofield* mainly on cost grounds.

Kolingba in Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 16, (AP): The President of the Central African Republic, General Andre Kolingba, arrived in Israel today for a five-day visit that is expected to focus on attempts to improve trade between the two countries.

Kolingba's trip follows his country's renewal of diplomatic ties with Israel earlier this year after it broke relations over the 1973 Middle East war. His country is the seventh African nation to re-establish diplomatic links with Israel.

Soviet team in Iraq

BAGHDAD, July 16, (AP): A high-ranking Soviet delegation yesterday started talks with Iraqi officials on military and economic co-operation just two weeks after Iraq expressed concern over a Soviet-Iranian deal.

The Soviet delegation headed by Igor Belousov, a deputy prime minister in charge of military industry, arrived on Friday.

The official Iraqi News Agency said the delegates would participate in 21st anniversary celebrations of the July 17 revolution.



# Red and Black Nite - a classy affair

THE Sheikhha Ballroom of the Regency Palace was about to explode with excitement, that is. It was the eve of Eid Al Adha and the near 600 strong crowd that attended the Weekend Club's Red and Black Nite had a time of their life, what with Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones providing some of the newest and most pulsating sounds heard in a long time.

The scene could well have represented a Carnival dance in Goa except the regal and glittering setting of the Regency's Ballroom whereas in Goa the Red and Black dance is the climax to the Carnival and takes place in the streets of Panjim under the romantic moonlight.

Although the show which was sponsored by "Kodak" and "Dunhill" was announced as a casual affair, the ladies came dressed to kill in fabulous costumes in red and black and the gents, not to be outdone, wore colourful outfits giving the entire ballroom the atmosphere of a Latin American fiesta.

Things reached a crescendo when compere Gustav D'Sa and Julio announced the Red and Black Couple contest to select the couple that appeared to be made for each other. The participation was beyond all expectations and the compere had to request the participants to circle the hall to be able to

give the judges a better view of each couple. After a march, a waltz and a short interview the judges chose a Goan couple, Valentino and Marina as the ideal couple and there was a thunderous applause as Ms Nirmala Janssen congratulated the winners and handed the prizes that included a gold ring for the gents and a gold necklace for the lady. Francis Sirur and Nina Vaz were adjudged the runners-up.

The jive contest was a lively affair with participants showing exceptional talent. It was extremely difficult to judge the best but a decision had to be made and it was Joe Mesquita and Sophia that won glory as the winners and the very graceful Anthony and Jasmine took second place. Sohail Jafari, an Iranian lady won a prize for the best dress and Marshall Fernandes for the best dressed gent.

In the usual tradition of the Weekend Club there was plenty of delicious food at the buffet. The unusually large dance floor was packed from start to finish with screams for "more" at even 5.30 am when the show ended.

It was a unique show and the organisers have promised to make it an annual affair. Undoubtedly, it was a memorable night that will be remembered for a long time to come. The organisers deserve credit for putting up a show of unusual class and appeal.



The finalists at the Red and Black Couple contest.



The winners, Valentino and Marina.



Anthony and Jasmine at the jive.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Tarek Rajab Museum**  
Sat-Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

### SOCIAL

**KAPILKU meeting**  
JULY 19, Wednesday: The officers of the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their

meeting at Far East Restaurant at 8.00 pm. Topics to be discussed are as follows: Palarong Pilipino (annual/souvenir programme, sponsors and awarding ceremony); Philippine community day and Mutya ng Pilipinas - Kuwait; Little Mr & Miss Philippines - Kuwait; Kapilku Night.

**British Council**  
JULY 19, (6 pm), July 20 (10.30 am). The Magical World of Gigi, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council premises in Mansouriya. It is the story of Princess Gigi who lives in the Kingdom of Fairyland. She is sent to Earth and with her magic wand, she transforms herself into a supergirl to make people's dreams come true.

July 22, July 23 (6.30 pm): This month's feature film is An Englishman Abroad. Based by Alan Bennett on the real-life meeting between Burgess and Coral Browne, filmed on location in London, Glasgow, Dundee. Alan Bates is Burgess. Admission is free for both movies but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

**Bangladesh Association**  
JULY 21: The association invites all Bangladeshis to join the Bangladesh Library as founder/life members. Those

who are interested can contact any executive member of the association on July 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the embassy premises. A meeting will be held at the embassy premises on August 4 to discuss the formation of the library.

**D'Assisi Social Evening**  
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Armst, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

**United Goans**  
AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140 Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

**Independents ball**  
AUG. 7: At the Messilah Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait

Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

**KAPILKU Children's Contest**  
AUGUST 17: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines. Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Plaza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Aray ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AYP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

**Independents ball**  
AUGUST 17: At the Messilah Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

**Farewell pictures**  
Photographs taken at the farewell reception for outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha, organised by the Indian community, are available from Sami Farooqi. Those who are interested in getting a copy of their contact Tel: 2446489.

**Tivim Centre**  
OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

**HOTELS**

**At the Kuwait Plaza**  
Enjoy the fun; join the celebration of fun and games every Friday at Al Dallah coffee shop where you enjoy all kinds of delicious food. Continental dishes, mezzah, special sweets and Arabic ice-cream. A unique ambience with the most celebrated magician in town. A gift for every child. Fun for the whole family with Walt Disney characters. KD5.000 per child, KD4.500 per adult.

**Louluwah corner**  
Featuring delights of Arabic ice-cream with nine different flavours specially made for the Kuwait Plaza by Syrian experts. Also

offers jumbo size of all sorts of sandwiches ranging from the famous Lebanese "forrouj"; chicken with garlic to steak sandwiches with the Plaza special touch. The famous oud player Fawzi Jamal who sings the best of the good old days songs. A special 4 course lunch for only KD2.500.

**Marco Polo**: Enjoy the authentic Italian atmosphere which makes you feel that you are in the heart of Rome. Taste the real Italian lasagne and spaghetti with the largest size of pizza and savour your favourite Italian dishes while you are listening to Stan and Alice, the famous duo in town.

**At the Meridian**  
UNTIL July 31: Ice cream promotion at Al Waha Restaurant in the Salmiya Complex.

**At the SAS**  
WELCOME on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzah buffet followed by your favourite speciality from our wide selection of fine charcoal grills and finish off with della coffee or have a puff from the hubble bubble/pipe. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursday and Friday. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

**At the Kuwait Plaza**  
MARCOPOLLO: The Italian restaurant in the heart of the city offers jumbo authentic pizza, spaghetti, lasagne and a wide variety of real Italian dishes in Italian ambience with live music by the most celebrated duo Stan and Alice.

**Louluwah corner**  
The Parisian cafe with Arabic music by the oud player Fawzi Jamal. Enjoy the delights of different sandwiches and mouth watering juices and Arabic icecream. A special promotion for business lunch four courses including coffee or tea for only KD2.500.

**At the Ramada Hotel**  
EL BENDAR coffee shop at the Ramada Hotel offers continental and Arabic buffets daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 mid night daily, a la carte also available. A selection of home baked cakes, gateaux and tarts made to order.

**Ramada Al Salam lobby**  
lounge open 10 am to 11 pm on Sundays offering a selection of coffee, tea and juice, cakes and pastries available.

## RSAC Scottish Rally

### Llewellyn scores win

A BRILLIANT comeback run in the RSAC Scottish Rally on June 10-12 gave team Toyota GB's David Llewellyn his third outright win in this year's Shell Oils British Open Rally Championship. Driving a Celica Turbo 4WD with co-driver Phil Short, Llewellyn was confident from the beginning after his victory a month earlier in his home event, the Ffram Welsh rally.

Although the Celica lacked boost at the start, the Toyota GB crew wasted little time in solving the problem. With the Celica now in peak form and its 4WD control proving

especially helpful on the gravel stages, Llewellyn began a charge that soon put him among the leaders. By the end of the second leg, he was in possession of the lead to stay. He ended the three-day rally with a margin of about a minute over the Ford Sierra of runner-up Mark Lovell.

In other Toyota results, Ian Calvin and his brother Uel turned in a near-perfect performance with their Corolla GT to score a victory of nearly half an hour over their nearest rival in their Group-N class.

#### Final results

Pos.	Vehicle	Driver	Time
1	Toyota Celica Turbo 4WD	Llewellyn/Short	3h36m40s
2	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth	Lovell/Morgan	3h37m34s
3	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth	Evans/Davies	3h40m03s
4	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth	Brookes/Wilson	3h41m01s
5	Vauxhall Astra GT/E	Wilson/Grindrod	3h41m48s
6	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth	McRae/Ringer	3h42m28s

## CINEMA TODAY

### Al Andalus

Arabic film

### Al Hamra

Red Scorpion

### Al Salmiya

Arabic film

### Al Firdous

Tridev

Starring: Sunny Deol, Jackie Shroff, Madhuri Dixit

### Fahadeel Open-Air

Mera Shikar

### Al Fahadeel

Hitch Hike Hiker

### Al Jahra

Sloane

### Granada

Gold Raiders

### Al Salsabikhat

Winners and Sinners

### Al Jeeb

Sukh Shanti

### Ahmadi Drive-In

Raiders for Victory

## PRAYERS

Fajr	3.21 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.29 pm
Maghreb	6.48
Isha	8.18

All entries for the What's On column must be sent by telefax (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Suwaykh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
- 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim: children programme
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Al Hob Wa Essabar: Arabic serial (Part 5)
- 11.20 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 19)
- 12.30 Cultural film
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Flouna: cartoon serial
- 2.00 Variety
- 2.15 Al Shams Baad Al Ghayoub: Arabic serial (Part 8)
- 3.35 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: cartoon serial
- 4.00 Meerath Al Sineen: historical serial. Starring: Ali Abdul Aziz.

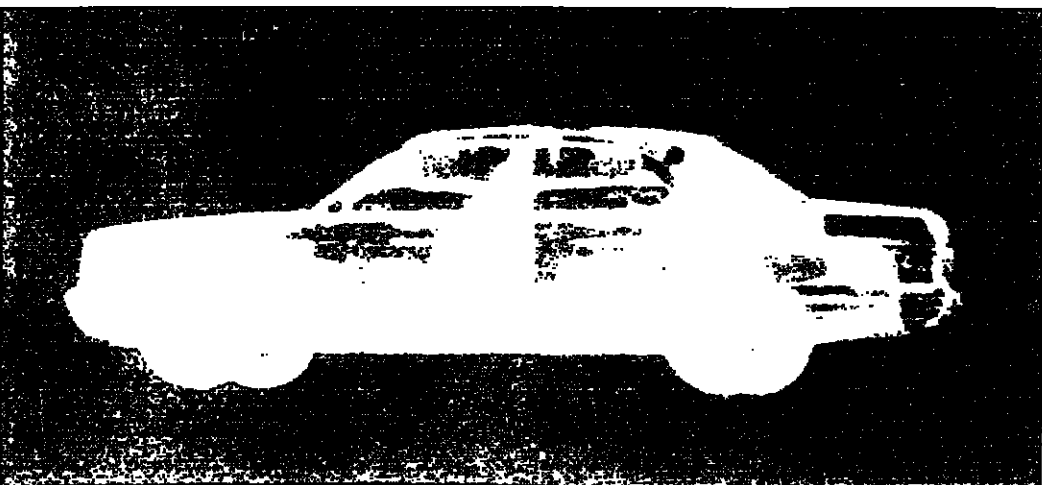
### Iman Kamel, and Khader Baydhoon

- 5.45 Children and Summer: local programme prepared by Samiya Mohammed
- 7.00 The World of Tomorrow: cultural programme
- 7.30 Variety
- 7.45 Holy Quran and Science: religious programme prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi Ibrahim
- 8.30 Cultural film
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 Harebat: Mina Al Madi. Daily Arabic serial (Part 2). Starring: Majid Wahba, Najah Al Mouji and Azina Riqz
- 11.00 Ibtimalat: cultural programme, starring Jihad Saad, and Amal Sokar
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.35 The World Today via Satellite

### KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series
- 6.30 Scheme of Things "Close Ups From Far Off": A look at pictures of the earth taken from spaceships, which may help in studying our planet.
- 7.00 Roving Report: A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities...
- 7.30 Charles in Charge "Case Of Mock Turtle"
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Paradise "Crossroads": Joseph is involved in a quarrel with a grocer and jailed, where he meets a wretched criminal who encourages him to escape from prison
- 9.30 227 "The Whiz Kid": At the same time Mary is directing a church production of "The Wiz," the Jenkins family open their home to an 11-year-old college freshman whose presence causes friction in the house...
- 10.00 Indelible Evidence "Windfall": How a bitten apple led to find the real criminal who is sentenced to death for killing a cop and his son.
- 10.30 Jack and Mike "Personal Foul": The woman news-reporter defends a school teacher who is fired by the college management where an attempt is made to convince her husband to give up this case.
- 11.30 News in brief
- 11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



## Famous crystal cars

Daum is the first crystal-maker in the world to take an interest in the theme of the automobile and to be inspired by the products of 20th century technology to create decorative pieces. Daum was the first to imagine a collection of dream cars in the purest crystal representing models of the American dream, the 1930's, or ultimate luxury.

Today Daum inaugurates a new collection of cars, faithful reproductions in crystal of the most prestigious models: Bugatti, Chevrolet, Ferrari, Jaguar, Mercedes, Porsche, BMW... decorative objects and collector's items, they are intended both for lovers of modern crystal design and for the enthusiastic collectors of automobiles. The Daum signature is engraved in the crystal of each model and authenticates the piece.



Zuzu Nabil in 'Al Hob Wa Essabar' KTV1 Arabic serial at 10.15 am today.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

We stress urgent need for decisive action: Mitterrand

## Banks urged to ease Third World debt

PARIS, July 16, (AP): Leaders of the world's seven most powerful democracies today concluded their annual summit conference with a call for banks to ease Third World debt and for all countries to keep the earth a place where life can survive.

"Seldom have I had such intensive discussions about environmental protection as in the last days," West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl told reporters, adding that he welcomed the joint statement on pollution.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who has been attending the annual summits since 1979, said, "all in all (this was) an excellent summit with a tremendous willingness to work together on the problems of the world economy, the environment and drugs."

"The drug problem has reached devastating proportions," said the 22-page final communiqué read aloud in French by host President Francois Mitterrand. "We stress the urgent need for decisive action," the statement said.

It called on drug-producing countries to join with the seven summit countries to curb trafficking. It also called for formation of a task force of interested countries to report by next April how they combat money laundering through banks to curb drug dealers from enjoying their profits.

The leaders' communiqué also:

- Vowed to combat inflation where it is a problem.
- Pledged action to bring down the trade and government budget deficits in the United States, Canada and Italy.
- Urged West Germany and Japan to take steps that will increase consumer demand so that the countries increase imports and help reduce their partners' trade deficits.

### Main conclusions of the summit

PARIS, July 16, (Reuters): The following are the main conclusions of the seven-nation Paris economic summit:

- Continued efforts to keep inflation under control.
- Further reductions in budget deficits are needed in the United States, Canada and Italy.
- Surveillance and co-ordination of currency policies under existing agreements.
- "Discriminatory or autonomous" trade actions which undermine the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) should be avoided.
- A new strengthened debt strategy will provide interest support for debt and debt service reduction.
- Urgent action is needed to preserve the global ecological balance.
- The World Bank should take account of environmental factors when it considers loans.
- Common efforts needed to limit emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse

gases."

- Deforestation must be reversed, tropical forests preserved and temperate forests protected against sulphur dioxides and nitrogen oxides.
- Condemnation of indiscriminate use of ocean as dumping grounds for industrial waste.
- Urgent need for international action to support Bangladesh to solve catastrophic flood problem.
- All countries urge to counter drug production, reduce drug taking and counter trafficking.
- Strengthen the role of the United Nations in the war against drugs and set up a financial task force to combat drug money laundering.
- European Economic Community asked to organise a meeting of interested countries to support reforms in Poland and Hungary.
- G-7 will be "flexible and forthcoming" in efforts to help Poland reschedule its \$39-billion foreign debt.

The leaders said they would help poor countries by working for freer trade and by acting to reduce the Third World debt burden.

"(Trade) protectionism remains a real threat," said the leaders. "We strongly reaffirm our determination to fight it in all its forms."

The seven noted that at their meeting last year they called for cutting the interest on debt repayment by the poorest African countries and said 13 countries already have benefited since then.

This year the focus of the Third World debt discussions was the more prosperous countries, like Mexico, Argentina and Brazil. Without mentioning the Latin American countries by name, the communiqué urged indebted nations to implement "sound economic policies" to encourage savings and investment.

At the same time the leaders firmly told commercial banks who increasingly have found

trouble getting repaid on their loans to Latin America that they should "take realistic and constructive approaches" in negotiating a cut in the amount the countries owe.

It said the summit governments would consider giving banks tax breaks and making other changes to encourage cuts in the Third World debt.

Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita said the leaders' stand on debt was the most significant thing they accomplished on the economic front.

"The problem has been addressed more completely. We have injected a discipline that is not just cosmetic," De Mita said. US President George Bush said the leaders had spent "a lot of time" discussing a letter from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in which he suggested the Soviet Union could become involved in the international economy.

"We consider the letter to be a constructive and innovative gesture which we welcome and will

take very seriously," said Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, adding that he would discuss it with Gorbachev when he visits Moscow next November.

The leaders said the world was increasingly aware of "serious threats" to nature and "the urgent need to safeguard the environment for future generations."

"We agreed that decisive action is needed to protect the earth," Bush said at a news conference.

The communiqué noted that a gas used in refrigerators and air conditioners has been attacking the ozone layer, dissolving the layer of atmosphere that protects people and animals from ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

"The depletion of the stratospheric ozone layer is alarming and calls for prompt action," the leaders said.

Other "serious threats to our environment" are gases created by burning coal and other fuels

on earth that create a layer in the atmosphere that acts like the glass of a greenhouse, allowing the sun's rays to heat the earth "which could lead to future climate changes."

The statement cited other problems like acid rain, pollution of rivers, lakes and oceans, the destruction of forests and jungles and the spread of deserts.

"Preserving the tropical forests is an urgent need for the world as a whole," said the leaders. They acknowledged the "sovereign rights" of developing countries to use their natural resources but urged them to take precautions in cutting trees so that wildlife is protected.

It said one approach that can help is to have "debt-for-nature" swaps in which the jungles would be protected in exchange for reduction of a countries debt burden.

The leaders said they would work together to protect the environment and urged all countries to join in the effort noting that "industry has a crucial role in preventing pollution."

It said the international community should join in helping Bangladesh avert repetition of recent devastating floods, and endorsed protection for development of fragile areas of the Sahara desert.

Japanese Prime Minister Souda Ueno said the leaders' stand condemning Chinese government repression reflects Japan's views that China should be harshly criticised but not punished to such an extent that it is totally isolated.

The China position came in a political declaration issued yesterday that also called for economic support of reforms in Poland and Hungary.

"It was a splendid summit," Ueno told reporters. "It was my first summit and I was able to talk to all leaders gathered here. We were able to trade views satisfactorily."



French President Francois Mitterrand (second from left) delivers the final declaration of the 15th summit meeting of the Group of Seven industrialised nations as other leaders listen. From left to right: US President Bush, Mitterrand, UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Japanese Prime Minister Souda Ueno. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Meeting fails to produce economic fireworks

## Thatcher denies slights

PARIS, July 16, (Reuters): "I haven't suffered any diplomatic slights whatsoever," Margaret Thatcher told a questioner as the Paris summit ended today.

Then she added with a smile: "You look very disappointed."

The British leader had stepped into a storm of her own making when she arrived for the annual meeting of the world's leading industrial nations by questioning the French Revolution's place in world history and its role in improving human rights.

With France proudly celebrating the 200th anniversary of the greatest event in its history, it was hardly a master-stroke of diplomatic timing.

Minor mishaps involving Thatcher at formal events, were quickly construed as calculated insults by the robust British press.

A chorus of boos from equally robust Parisians as she arrived at a ceremony across from the Eiffel Tower were blown up by the media into a gallic cold shoulder for the "Iron Lady."

"Frogs attack Maggie" wailed Britain's best-selling Sun tabloid. "Les Rosbifs" didn't fare much better in return, with France's socialist Prime Minister Michel Rocard telling British television that Thatcher's government was guilty of "social cruelty" damaging to democracy.

Amid the familiar publicity, however, the Western world's longest-serving leader was taking an unfamiliar back-seat role at the summit.

Only a year ago at the last meeting in Toronto, she was a dominant figure, at the forefront of Western affairs as her old ally Ronald Reagan made his curtain call on the world stage.

With both President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev courting French President Francois Mitterrand and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in a way that Reagan didn't, Thatcher no longer commands centre-stage as the key bridge between East and West.

An unprecedented letter to the summit from Gorbachev was addressed to Mitterrand the seven

leaders agreed it should be left to him to reply.

Isolated in the European Economic Community, her ruling Conservatives embarrassingly rebuffed in European Parliament elections, Thatcher came to Paris under fire even from normally staunch backers.

A columnist in the pro-government London Sunday Times called her "the John McEnroe of diplomacy."

It was left to Mitterrand, the target of some typical Thatcher scorn only two weeks ago at the European summit in Madrid, to pour oil on troubled waters with soothing words about Britain's record on human rights.

The summit of the arch will be remembered for Francois Mitterrand's lavish celebrations of the storming of the Bastille but world leaders have made clear they are in no mood for an economic revolution.

Basking in the seventh year of one of the longest periods of growth since World War Two, leaders of the seven biggest industrial democracies delivered a plain message that policy making was generally on the right track.

Reflecting a broad note of self-satisfaction, Margaret Thatcher said: "Agreement came because we have dealt with economic problems many times and we now know the way forward consists of what I would call sound economic policies."

"We know those policies, we have repeated them and shall go on repeating them because they are the right ones."

The summit was notable for much-touted initiatives which never saw the light of day, although Washington did put monetary reform tentatively back on the agenda.

Behind the determination not to rock the economic boat, clear differences did emerge on the emphasis to be placed on fighting two of the most serious threats to the world economy — inflation and imbalances in international trade.

## Gorbachev grabs centre-stage

### Summit sets ecology priorities

PARIS, July 16, (Reuters): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev today grabbed centre-stage of the world economic summit, a meeting he did not attend.

The Kremlin leader's unprecedented appeal for economic co-operation with the West prompted US President George Bush to hint that Moscow might eventually be admitted to the capitalist world's most high-powered body, the Group of Seven (G-7).

The seven leaders at the three-day summit had just announced a package of aid for two of the Soviet Union's East bloc allies yesterday when Gorbachev

delivered his own appeal.

Bush told a news conference he did not consider the Gorbachev letter an application to join the G-7, but did not rule out that the changes under way in Eastern Europe might lead to that later.

"They are moving toward our openness, our free system, our system of free elections," he said.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told reporters: "It's an interesting letter... but I don't foresee the time yet when the Soviet Union will join the economic summit."

Thatcher said the Soviet Union would have to develop a capitalist style free-market economy before it could join G-7,

made up of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

"I hope one day very much for the sake of the Russian people and the future of the Soviet Union that it will come about," she added.

Gorbachev's letter to the summit suggesting some form of integration between East European and Western economic institutions, did not figure in the 22-page final statement.

The seven states concentrated on appealing for a global crusade against pollution and prodding commercial banks to clinch a

ground-breaking deal on Third World debt.

But West Germany, where Gorbachev was feted by adoring crowds during a visit last month, called the Kremlin leader's offer remarkable.

French President Francois Mitterrand was less enthusiastic.

"This letter does not require a collective response," Mitterrand told reporters. "There will be no reply from the summit to Mr Gorbachev... this summit has not fundamentally change relations between East and West. However, I shall shortly reply to him."

West German Chancellor Hel-

mut Kohl described Gorbachev's letter as remarkable. Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher called it "a welcome document of Soviet readiness to share global responsibility."

Gorbachev said Moscow wanted to establish a basis for joint development that was free of ideology and declared: "The world can only gain from the opening up of a market as big as the Soviet Union."

Seven leading industrial states called today for urgent international action to save the earth's endangered environment but stopped short of producing an enforceable master plan.

### New economic strategy

## Iran to develop gas reserves

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 16, (AP): Hashemi Rafsanjani, widely expected to be Iran's next president, says he plans to focus the country's economic future on developing its vast natural gas reserves, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

It quoted Rafsanjani, Iran's parliament Speaker, as saying in an interview with the radical Jomhuri Islami daily published today that Iran should intensify exploitation of its gas reserves "as the best and richest sources of energy."

This should be a key part of Iran's post-war reconstruction programme, he said.

Rafsanjani's remarks indicated that the Iranian leadership is developing a new economic strategy that carries considerable political significance as well.

Building up gas as a major export and energy source will involve major foreign assistance, indicating that Rafsanjani could be planning to revive his efforts to rebuild Iran's links with the West to obtain the technology and investment needed to exploit the country's huge gasfields.

But Western and Iranian economic analysts have noted in recent months that Iran's leaders must make decisions soon on a major restructuring of the economy to take the country into the 21st century.

The most crucial decision, they say, is whether Iran will continue to base its economy on the long-term value of its oil with costly investment or focus on gas, which energy specialists believe will be in more global demand than oil in the decades to come.

Iran has rebuilt much of its oil industry, which was badly damaged in the 8-year war with Iraq, and is seeking to develop new fields.

But because of aging equipment and high production costs, Iran's current oil output is around 3 million barrels a day.

Experts say it cannot produce any more than that economically. This also makes Iran prey to price fluctuations since it cannot compensate for price drops by boosting output.

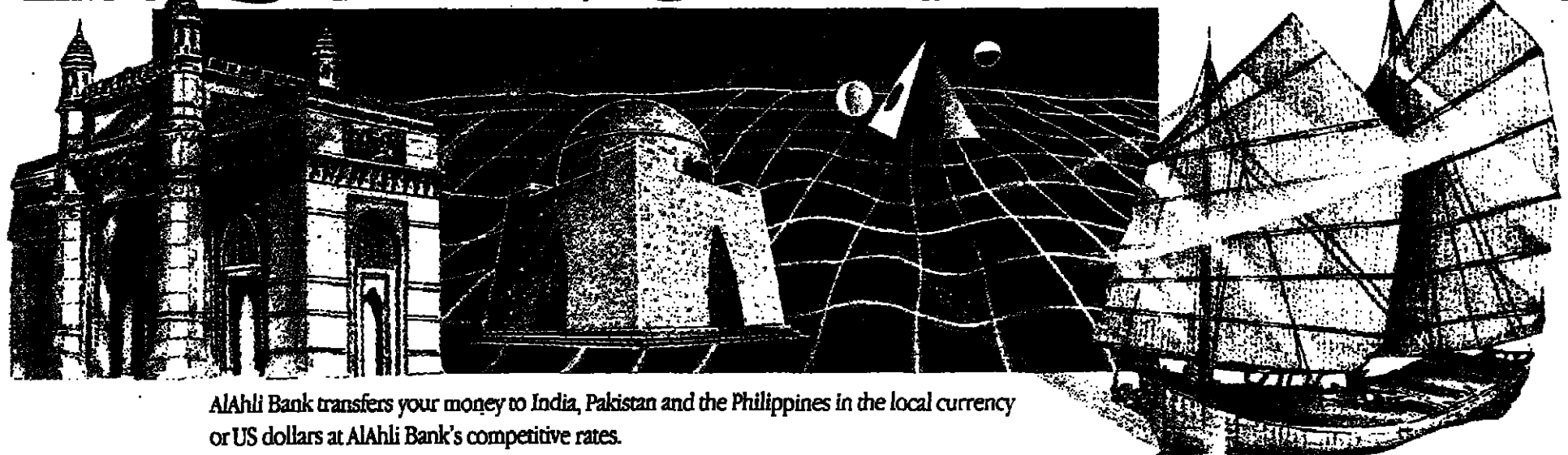
Some industry specialists estimate that for every \$1 drop in the price of a barrel of oil, Iran's revenue from oil exports tumbles by \$2 billion a year.

Oil provides 90 per cent of Iran's foreign exchange earnings at present.

However, Iran has estimated natural gas reserves of 700 trillion cubic feet, or more than 20 trillion cubic metres, the second largest in the world after the Soviet Union. But these have been largely left untapped.

While exploiting these reserves is a strategic economic option for Iran as it struggles to rebuild and expand after the war, it is also a costly one which would involve extensive foreign investment and technology transfer.

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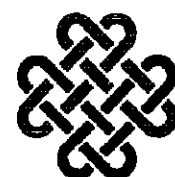


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## Mexican debt cut vital to recovery

MEXICO CITY, July 16, (AP): Mexico badly needs the help US President George Bush is offering in its campaign to reduce payments on its foreign debt, but coining the country out of seven years of stagnation may be slow going, even with relief.

"Mexican as well as foreign investors are waiting for the starting flag that the solution to the debt negotiations will give," Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari said this week.

Attention was focused on talks between Mexico and creditor banks as leaders of the world's seven richest nations gathered in Paris for an economic summit. Bush, who met with Salinas this week, wanted an agreement as a showpiece for US strategy to reduce the Third World's \$1.3-trillion debt.

The lengthy negotiations apparently snagged, and Bush tried to give them a boost by offering Mexico a temporary loan of \$1 billion to 2 billion. The offer appeared to be aimed at showing banks and other creditor nations that the United States was willing to back up its position with cash.

For Mexico, an agreement would mean both money and a psychological boost, two elements needed to reignite growth.

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	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.59	2.59
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.20	2.19
ARAB BANK	181.5	184.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.54	4.58
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.89	1.93
ARAB INSURANCE	1.08	1.08
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.68	0.69
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.28	1.28
ARAB JOR. INVEST/BK	2.40	2.33
ARAB PAPER CON/TRA	0.35	0.34
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.66	3.84
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	2.22	2.33
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BEIT OF JORDAN	15.10	15.30
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.26	1.26
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.34
DAR ALDHAQ/INV.	2.75	2.79
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.80	0.79
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	1.28	1.32
INDSTR. DEVLPT BAK	1.63	1.70
INDSTR./COM/AGR.	1.75	1.75
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CI	2.51	2.27
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.25	2.32
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.46	1.44
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.11	1.07
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.43	2.45
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	0.14	0.15
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
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MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN	0.88	0.88
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MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.55	0.55
MIDDEL EAST INS	2.00	1.90
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.79	0.83
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.89	1.86
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF	2.83	2.97
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.43	1.45
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	1.00	0.95
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	1.36	1.36
NATIONAL STEEL	2.68	2.67
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.25	2.20
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.37	1.34
PRECAST CONCRETE	0.73	0.75
RAFTA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.66	0.66
SHIPPING LINES	1.30	1.31
SPINNING WEAVING	1.35	1.36
THE HOUSING BANK	1.85	1.84
UNITED INSURANCE	1.21	1.22
UNIVERSAL CHEM./IND	3.37	3.40
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.35

## Local banks' aggregate balance sheet totals KD12,699m

IN APRIL 1989 the aggregate balance sheet of local banks totalled KD12,699 million, thus realising a tangible rise — for the third successive month — of KD292 million (2.4 per cent) over the previous month. Most of this rise is attributed to the increase in the aggregate balance sheet of commercial banks, according to CBK Monthly Monetary Review.

On the side of assets, the increase in the aggregate balance sheet of local banks resulted from the growth in both local assets (KD152 million) and foreign (KD140 million). On the side of liabilities it is attributed to the increase in local resources (KD169 million) as well as foreign liabilities (KD123 million).

In April 1989 it was noted that private sector deposits with commercial banks realised a growth of 0.2 per cent (KD11 million) over the previous month. This growth was a result of an increase in both deposits denominated in foreign currencies (KD56 million or 4.5 per cent) and in sight and savings deposits (KD21 million or 1.9 per cent), against a decline of KD66 million (2.6

per cent) in time deposits after a tangible increase of 29.4 per cent (KD 582 million) realised by these time deposits (during the period from December 1988 until the end of February 1989), following the application of the new structure of local interest rates from December 11, 1988.

There are several factors to explain private sector interest in foreign deposits on the one hand, and the relative shift to both KD sight and savings deposit on the other.

Among these factors is the noticeable rise in the US dollar exchange rate, despite the narrowed margin between interest rates on both the KD and the dollar. The report said: "There are, however, other factors including the activity witnessed by the Kuwait securities market in April 1989, represented by a marked increase by the Kuwait securities market in April 1989, represented by a marked increase of 190.7 per cent (KD46.5 million) in the value of traded shares and the private sector's settlement of credit facilities, which is reflected by a decline of 0.2 per cent (KD11 million) in the balance of

these facilities below their level in the previous month.

On the level of money supply in April, the increase in private sector deposits with commercial banks, referred to above, together with an increase of KD8 million in currency in circulation, contributed to an increase of KD19 million (0.4 per cent) in money supply over the previous month, totalling KD5,318 million.

Regarding the issue of public debt instruments, the Central Bank of Kuwait offered in April 1989 for issues of treasury bills (from issue No.46 to issue No.49), amounting to KD280 million.

It can be noted that issue No.36 of treasury bills, totalling KD70 million, matured in April 1989, whereas no treasury bonds were offered or matured in this month. Thus, the outstanding balance of public debt instruments at the end of April 1989 totalled KD1,675 million (an increase of KD210 million or 14.3 per cent over the previous month) distributed between KD1,210 million for treasury bills and KD465 million for treasury bonds.

### Assets growing

Following are further details of developments witnessed in April by both interest rates on interbank KD deposits and the KD exchange rate:

■ These interest rates were relatively stable as they rose slightly on one-month deposits by 0.32 per cent (from 9.09 per cent to 9.12 per cent).

Meanwhile, these rates declined by 0.23 per cent (from 9.18 per cent to 9.16 per cent) on three-month deposits and remained relatively steady at 9.20 per cent on one-year deposits.

■ The average KD exchange rate against the dollar declined slightly by 0.21 per cent below its level in the previous month, ranging between 288.83 fils and 290.55 fils per dollar, a monthly average of 289.62 fils.

Furthermore, it was noted that the KD performance against other major currencies was more stable than that of the dollar, as the KD showed improvement against these major currencies, but at rates ranging between 2.93 per cent against the Swiss franc and 0.11 per cent against the French franc, less than the rates of increase in

the dollar exchange rate against these currencies.

Meanwhile, Quarterly Statistical Bulletin said the first quarter of 1989 witnessed several monetary developments, among which was a marked growth in money supply, particularly its components in KD, and the continuous rise in interest rates on KD in the money market, though at rates generally slower than those in the previous quarter, in addition to developments in the KD exchange rate, public debt instruments and the aggregate balance sheet of local banks as follows:

At the end of the first quarter 1989 money supply grew markedly by 4 per cent (KD 202 million), totalling KD5,299 million.

An increase of KD266 million in the KD components of money supply, which was basically concentrated in time deposits (11.6 per cent or KD265 million over its level in the previous quarter), in addition to a slight increase in both currency in circulation and sight deposits, against some decline in savings deposits.

A decrease of 4.9 per cent (KD64

million) in private deposits denominated in foreign currencies with commercial banks below their level in the previous quarter.

This decrease in deposits denominated in foreign currencies and the increase in KD time deposits are reflected in rising interest rates on the KD — as per amendment of the structure of local interest rates, effective December 11, 1988 — which reduced the differential between interest rates on the KD and foreign currencies.

Interest rates on KD interbank deposits increased markedly on all deposits maturities at rates ranging between a maximum of 18.32 per cent (from 7.20 per cent to 8.52 per cent) on one-year deposits and a minimum of 13.36 per cent (from 7.22 per cent to 8.18 per cent) on one-month deposits, while it was 15.85 per cent (from 7.24 per cent to 8.39 per cent) on three-month deposits.

This rise in interest rates on the KD in the money market is in line with the increase in interest rates on the KD as per amendment of the structure of local interest rates.



Argentine President Carlos Menem swears in new Economy Minister Nestor Rapanelli at the Government House on Saturday. Menem named businessman Rapanelli to replace Miguel Roig, who died of a heart attack on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## New minister to consolidate links

Argentina reeling under inflation

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, July 16, (Agencies): President Carlos Menem named businessman Nestor Rapanelli yesterday as the replacement for Economy Minister Miguel Roig, who died of a heart attack only six days after taking office.

Menem, attending a wake for Roig, described Rapanelli, a 60-year-old business executive, as "the right man to maintain our economic programme."

Roig, 68, had been fashioning an austerity programme to curtail hyperinflation and promote economic growth in the beleaguered South American nation when he died suddenly on Friday afternoon.

Rapanelli, is vice-president of the giant grain conglomerate Bunge Y. Born, as was Roig until his retirement three years ago. The firm is one of Argentina's largest.

Rapanelli, who said he would "continue the policies of Roig," described his appointment as an event that "should be the motive of great happiness for me" but

"is accompanied by something so sad" as the death of Roig.

The new minister was born in the interior city of Bahia Blanca and has worked for Bunge Y. Born, where his father also was an executive, for 39 years. He also is vice-president of the Institute for Executive Development in Argentina and is a director of foundation for Latin American Economic Investigation.

Roig, who was sworn in last Saturday following Menem's inauguration as Argentina's 46th president, had announced the administration's new economic programme in a nation-wide address tonight.

He devalued the austral, the national currency, by 54 per cent and raised state-controlled utility prices by a minimum 200 per cent.

Just before his death, Roig was trying to convince businessmen to agree to voluntary price controls that would allow the government to co-ordinate wage

increases in a bid to brake inflation.

Roig was not a member of the ruling Peronist Party and his appointment added substance to Menem's claims to appoint a non-partisan government of national unity.

Argentina is reeling under inflation that grew 114.5 per cent in June. Projections for July are 200 per cent or more. Unemployment stands at about 10 per cent. Real wages have shrunk by an estimated 60 per cent in what is the country's worst recession.

Rapanelli will be the nation's fifth economy minister this year. On March 31, Juan Sourrouille resigned after failing to stabilize the economy.

Roig, who is survived by his wife, two sons and four grandchildren, became ill Friday afternoon as he was returning to his office by car from a reception at the French embassy. He asked his driver to take him to his downtown apartment, where he died, officials said.

## EEC faces soul-searching over Austrian application

BRUSSELS, July 16, (Reuters): Neutral Austria will apply for membership of the European Economic Community tomorrow, touching off an agonising debate about the future of West European integration.

With the 12 existing EEC states striving to disband all barriers between them by the end of 1992, Austria's move is at best a distraction and at worst a formidable obstacle on the road to eventual economic and political union, diplomats say.

EEC foreign ministers will discuss the problem at their regular monthly meeting immediately after Austrian Foreign Minister Alois Mock hands the letter of application to France's Roland Dumas, who currently chairs ministerial talks.

"The Austrian letter is going to make a specific reference to neutrality and we have to mention it in our letter of acknowledgment, we cannot dodge the issue," one diplomat said.

The ministers are also due to review trade

relations with the United States after last week's decision by Washington to ease slightly its sanctions on EEC food exports imposed when the community banned the sale of hormone-treated meat this year.

They are also expected to approve an offer to African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries in negotiations for a new trade and aid accord which is unlikely to satisfy the ACP.

But the most important issue facing ministers will be Austria's membership application which follows an equally troublesome request from Turkey two years ago, though no decisions on either bid will be made for some years.

Few people in Brussels can envisage Turkey joining the community. Its economic development lags far behind that of even the poorest of existing members and integrating 50 million Turkish Muslims into a community of 320 million people who are mostly Christian would pose formidable physical and cultural

problems. But equally few can imagine the community allowing Austria and its advanced economy to join the bloc while slamming the door on its loyal ally Turkey, one of only two NATO countries sharing a border with the Soviet Union.

And if Austria and Turkey ever seemed likely to join together, diplomats expect Cyprus and Malta and perhaps Norway and Sweden to apply too — raising the prospect of making community decision-making even more unwieldy.

In Austria's case, the crucial question is whether its perpetual neutrality is compatible with membership of a bloc committed to foreign policy co-ordination in all areas, including the political aspects of security.

Vienna has pointed to Ireland's neutrality — the other 11 EEC states are all members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. But EEC diplomats say the two cases are quite distinct.

## ATT to swap Olivetti stake

MILAN, July 16, (Reuters): The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. (ATT) said today it will swap its stake in Italian computer maker Olivetti for a large shareholding in Carlo De Benedetti's main industrial holding company.

The announcement at a news conference here ends months of persistent speculation that ATT would sell its Olivetti stake because of differences that emerged a year ago over the two firms' industrial alliance originally formed in December 1983.

Rumours swirled on the Milan bourse this past week that ATT and Olivetti were close to an agreement about the future of the US telecommunications giant's 22 per cent interest in Olivetti.

"It is clear to both of us that the strategic value we envisioned for the Olivetti-ATT relationship some five years ago has not materialised," ATT chairman Robert Allen said.

"The fact that we are travelling in different business directions does not mean ATT is severing its ties with Olivetti... we will continue our relationship in computers," Allen said.

Under the new agreement, ATT is selling to De Benedetti's Italian holding firm Compagnie Industriali Riunite (CIR) 100 million Olivetti shares at a price of 11,400 lire (\$8 and 31 cents) each, or a total value of 1.14 trillion lire (\$832 million).

Then, ATT will buy 182.5 million CIR shares, which also carry a total value of 1.14 trillion lire. CIR plans to issue the shares as part of a capital increase later this year.

At the end of the operation, ATT will hold between 16 and 19 per cent of the Italian firm, which also has interests in auto components, publishing and financial services.

Executives said since the value of ATT's Olivetti stake and the CIR stake were the same, no cash would change hands.

CIR will solidify its grip on Olivetti, boosting its current 22.5 per cent stake to around 40 per cent.

ATT, which formed a major telecommunications alliance with Italy's Italtel SPA earlier this summer, bought the Olivetti stake for around \$260 million in 1983 with an option to boost the holding further in 1990.

But relations between the two companies became strained and in April 1988 Olivetti announced that ATT would not raise its stake because of "significant basic differences."

100,000 miners on strike

## Labour unrest spreads

MOSCOW, July 16, (Reuters): Some 100,000 Soviet miners are on strike in the Siberian coalfields and labour unrest has spread to other regional industries. Soviet newspapers said today.

An official of the south Kuzbass Coal Trust told Reuters by telephone that almost all mines in the Kuznetsky basin, the country's number two coal producing region, were closed.

He said the few mines in operation, primarily in Mezhdurechensk where the work stoppages originated last Monday, were producing only small quantities of coal.

The trade union newspaper Trud reported that workers in 17 enterprises in Kiselevsk had stopped work and signs of solidarity with the strikers were cropping up in other factories and cities. It did not identify the factories involved.

Trud said workers and industries in the region were supporting the demands of the miners for better living standards and more political and economic autonomy.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda said meetings between miners and Coal Industry

Minister Mikhail Shchadov have so far failed to end strikes in the Siberian cities of Novokuznetsk and Prokopyevsk.

Trud said mines were also silent in Kiselevsk, Kemerovo, Leninsk-Kuznetskiy, Osinniki, Bereznovsky, Belovo and Anzhero-Sudzhensk, adding some 100,000 miners were now involved.

The strikes — the most serious labour unrest since Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev took power in 1985 — have revealed a deep distrust of the central authorities among the miners.

For days officials have been saying they were confident the crisis could be resolved quickly once it was explained that concessions made to miners in Mezhdurechensk last week would apply throughout the area.

But even assurances delivered in person by the Soviet coal minister, the regional communist party chief and other officials, have failed to end the stoppages.

The leader of one strike committee told Pravda the meetings had failed to produce concrete assurances the changes would be implemented.

But the newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya hailed the strike as a

sign Gorbachev's perestroika campaign for economic reform was winning acceptance by workers.

Until now, the changes in the Soviet economy had been imposed from above, not driven from below.

And the newspaper blamed the slow pace of negotiations in the coalfields on the coal ministry's extreme centralisation, with repeated telephone calls to Moscow interrupting the talks.

The stoppages, now in their seventh day, are taking a toll on the region's economy, disrupting coal supplies to power stations and ferrous-metal plants, Pravda reported.

It said the North Kuzbass Coal Trust reported lost production of 25,000 tonnes of coal in the last 24 hours.

Trud said a total of one million tonnes of coal production had been lost in the strike, estimating the cost at roughly 20 million roubles (\$32 million).

Their demands include authority to spend mining profits in the cities where they are generated, a smaller role for the Soviet Coal Ministry in local affairs and efforts to clean up regional pollution.

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## Fighting AIDS and haemophilia

## Designer cure for blood victims

By Jo Mears

ONE of Britain's biggest medical breakthroughs of the decade is helping combat the spread of AIDS in haemophiliacs. Scientists even believe it could lead to a cure for blood disorder haemophilia itself.

A synthetic version of Factor 8, the crucial blood-clotting agent which haemophiliacs lack, could transform the lives of thousands of sufferers and in some cases even save their lives. And if "designer Factor 8" can be perfected it could prove even more effective than the natural version.

Normally sufferers have to inject themselves several times a week with Factor 8, derived only from human blood. But human blood carries the risk of AIDS and hepatitis infection. Already 120 people in Britain alone have

developed AIDS from injecting natural factor 8 and 70 have died from it.

Since the discovery that heat treatment destroys the AIDS virus in natural blood products this problem has largely been stemmed. But this new synthetic version of Factor 8 will eliminate all risks of infection.

## Synthetic

Victor Budgen, 25, recently became the first patient to receive the synthetic Factor 8 at London's Royal Free Hospital. He will be observed closely over the next six months and if the treatment proves successful many thousands of other sufferers stand to benefit.

Dr Peter Kernoff of the hospital's haemophilia unit says: "The knowledge gained in the project brings the possibility of a permanent cure for haemophilia

by gene therapy very much closer."

A major advantage of synthetic Factor 8 is that it is not in short supply, like human blood products.

David Waters, of the British Haemophilia Society, says: "There are large numbers of haemophiliacs in the world who receive no treatment at all and die as a result. This is because natural Factor 8 is in such short supply. If synthetic Factor 8 proves successful, much larger amounts of clotting agent will be available and these people can be saved."

Haemophilia is a hereditary disorder in which the blood clots very slowly due to the lack of the clotting agents. If not treated the sufferer experiences prolonged bleeding following any injury, wound and in severe cases there is spontaneous bleeding into mus-

cles and joints. In such cases the patient needs to inject Factor 8 into his or her blood.

The consequences of further experimentation with synthetic Factor 8 could be even greater.

Dr Kernoff explains: "Synthetic Factor 8 closely resembles the factor found in blood, but new developments suggest that it might be possible to make 'designer Factor 8' even better than that produced by the body's own system."

## Permanent

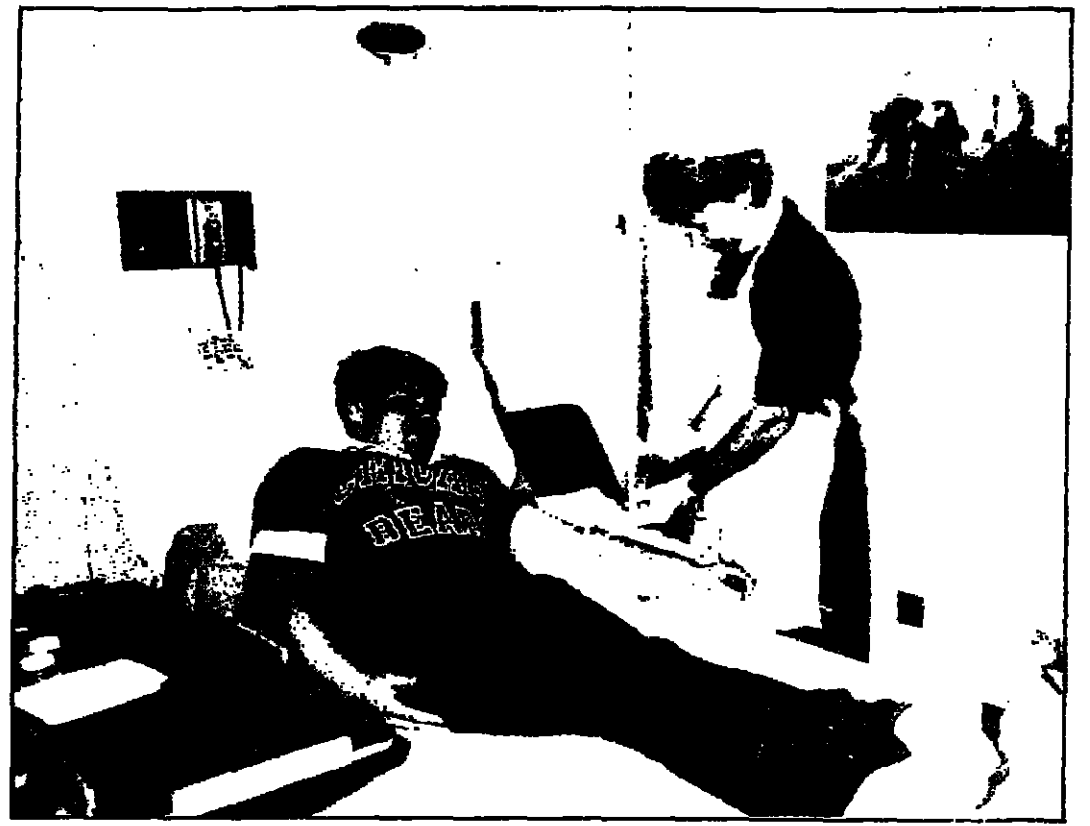
For example, synthetic products might be made which would last longer in the body than natural Factor 8, or which could be taken by mouth instead of having to be injected.

It was Dr Edward Tuddenham of Northwick Park Hospital, London, who pioneered the scheme back in 1982. His early

research led the way for the US company Genentech to clone the gene for Factor 8 and later the Bayer Company was able to manufacture the synthetic version.

Pioneer patient Victor Budgen will at first visit the haemophilia centre at the Royal Free Hospital daily so that careful studies can be made of his progress. These visits will gradually lessen and eventually he should be able to have the treatment at home. Once this stage is reached other people can start taking the treatment.

Dr Kernoff concludes: "This is a major milestone in a long story involving a huge investment of money and scientific effort. It is very encouraging that collaborative scientific research can be translated quickly into a treatment which benefits patients."



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## Remick combats cancer

HOLLYWOOD film star Lee Remick is fighting a courageous battle against cancer.

The 53-year-old actress, who is undergoing experimental treatment, has said: "I know my life is hanging by a shoestring, but I'm going to fight this to the end." According to relatives in Los Angeles, she was admitted to the US National Cancer Centre in Bethesda, Maryland, a fortnight ago.

She told friends: "The treatment is experimental. I have no illusions, but it's certainly worth trying." Miss Remick was reported to be devastated when told of her illness in late March shortly after finishing a TV movie, *Dark Holiday*.

It was thought that the cancer was in one kidney, but X-rays showed it had spread to her lungs.

Californian doctors delayed surgery and recommended treatment at the Maryland hospital — which accepts only the most serious cases.

The star, whose career spans 33 years, arrived at the centre using her married name, Lee Gowans. Her immuno-therapy treatment was developed at the hospital two years ago.

Substances boost the body's immune system and activate "killer cells" which destroy cancer cells.

After a week of treatment, she was discharged and is now with her husband, British director William Gowans, and two children by a previous marriage, Matthew and Kate.

The couple, who have been married 18 years, are staying at their summer home in Cape Cod, near New York. Remick will have more treatment before undergoing surgery next month to remove her diseased kidney.

She has always been a determined individual and will devote herself utterly to fighting the disease.

Asked by one interviewer to sum up her character, she replied: "I'm a survivor."

The highly-accomplished actress has never surrendered to the Hollywood star system. Despite a string of hit films and an Oscar nomination for *Days of Wine and Roses* in 1963, she once confessed: "Acting was never a burning wish."

"In America actors get caught up in that studio system and make film after film trying to become a star. I'm more interested in being a working actress."



Lee Remick: 'I'm a survivor.'

## Special treats for the face

## Unmasking healthy skin

SPECIAL treatments for the face are invaluable, as pick-me-ups when you feel or look particularly tired, and as regular weekly treatments with long-lasting benefits to the skin. They fall into three categories: exfoliation, masks and massage.

## Exfoliation

Literally meaning shedding of surface tissues, exfoliation removes the top layer of dead cells from the skin. It goes in and out of fashion as much as soap and water, yet it is the oldest known beauty treatment, probably one of the most effective and one which receives unanimous support from dermatologists. Exfoliation was mentioned in one of the

oldest medical documents ever found, an Egyptian papyrus roll from 1500 BC which included a recipe using meal of alabaster, water from the qebu plant, fresh abt grain, honey and human milk to be rubbed over the face. Another recipe, with the equally unfamiliar ingredients of cream, gelanthi, saponin and pulverized pumice, was in use as late as the turn of the 19th century.

Favoursites that have stood the test of time include oatmeal rubs, and scrubbing with pumice stone, loofahs and granules; many of today's exfoliating products are formulated to perform similar functions. In the opinion of dermatologists, thorough exfoliating

removes surface oil, dead cells and dirt, loosening acne plugs and blackheads. It also makes scaly, reddened and sun-damaged skin look cleaner and gives normal skin a healthy glow from the acceleration of circulation and cell renewal, both of which improve the skin's texture. Exfoliation, which has been used in the treatment of extreme skin conditions such as psoriasis, is particularly beneficial for black skins and for restoring the flow of ageing skin.

Exfoliation is a forceful treatment, and it is important to choose the right method for your skin type. Oily and acned skins need thorough exfoliation, while dry and more sensitive skins become inflamed and irritated with too powerful a product; this is especially so with black skins which scar more easily than white skin after over-rough removal of spots and blackheads.

## Masks

Masks also have an exfoliating effect, gently lifting dead cells off the skin surface, and often having moisturising or other active properties; the enzymes in fruit masks, for example, do tighten and brighten the skin. Masks are less abrasive than exfoliant scrubs and are therefore more suitable for very fine dry and sensitive skin, for broken veins and for skins in the first stage of ageing.

## Home-made masks

Many kitchen ingredients can be used for effective masks, with little trouble and at little expense. Yoghourt, fresh or sour cream and butter all make excellent bases for masks for dry and dull skins. Mash fresh peeled apricots with a little olive oil and cream, or squeeze ripe strawberries and a small lump of butter to a paste. Mashed peaches, bananas or grated apples can be mixed with honey, cream or yoghourt, and on their own honey, plain yoghourt, cold porridge and strawberries all make good home masks. Rinse them off with cool water.

Shape a piece of cheesecloth or butter muslin to fit the face and the front of the neck, cutting holes for the eyes, nose and mouth. Immerse it in warm oil or honey for dry skins and in milk or iced astringent lotion for oily and dull normal skins. Place the mask over the face and neck, with eye pads over the eyes and leave for 10-20 minutes; carefully peel off the mask and wipe the skin clean. Spray the face with a tonic lotion and let it settle for a few minutes before applying make-up.

## Massage

Particularly beneficial to dry an ageing skin, massage stimulates circulation and makes the skin more supple. Harriet Hubbard Ayer firmly believed in the power of massage to smooth out wrinkles, although she also believed that the presence of many wrinkles was a question of morality and character, and that gossip, envy and petulance all etched their own particular lines.

Modern dermatologists would be inclined to say that no wrinkles, veneful or not, could be smoothed out, but massage still has many benefits. One of the best anti-wrinkle treatments is foot massage — and well-fitting shoes — because painful feet cause the face to screw up! You can treat a friend to a relaxing facial massage or pamper yourself while you laze in a hot bath when the steam will help the skin to absorb the oils.



A mask is the ultimate in facial cleansing and should be used to maintain glowing, youthful skin.



**FAMILY DOCTOR**  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## USE CAUTION IN TAKING SEDATIVES FOR HEADACHES

**QUESTION:** Headaches are my big problem, and I'm constantly looking for new and different ways of dealing with them. Can sedatives and tranquilizers be of any use in treating headaches?

**ANSWER:** Some studies have shown that sedatives and tranquilizers have, at times, helped patients suffering from migraines, muscle contraction headaches, and to a lesser extent, cluster headaches. Evidence of the value of these drugs in properly conducted, double-blind trials has not yet come in, however, and doctors must weigh the risk of addiction and withdrawal symptoms before prescribing tranquilizers and sedatives for treatment of headaches.

Recurrent headache is one of the most common reasons that people seek the help of doctors. A detailed patient history is necessary to identify the true nature of the headaches. The prudent doctor will have patients undergo a complete physical, neurological exam and blood pressure tests before treatment is administered. Although more than 400 remedies have been used for migraines, with the exception of propranolol, there has been a poor success rate for most. That seems

to be why sedatives and tranquilizers are being prescribed. There is little agreement among researchers as to when these drugs should be used.

The most common cause of headache in adults is tension. The tension may cause what are known as muscle-contraction headaches, which can be severe, recurrent and disabling. Double-blind trials on patients with this problem have shown that a combination of aspirin and a mild tranquilizer relieved the sufferer more than just aspirin alone. Sedatives and analgesics have been used for years, but because they can be habit-forming and are not consistently successful, alternative methods have been sought to reduce the pain. The tranquilizer valium given intravenously has been proven effective as a treatment for cluster headaches. Sedatives have been found to be of little help in treating them.

When the causes of a symptom, such as headache, are so numerous, and the available medications that might be helpful are so abundant, it takes careful co-operation between patient and physician to arrive at just the

right combination of drugs that will be correct for a specific individual and situation.

**ACROSS MY DESK:** There it was in big black headlines: "More M.D. — Patient Dialogue Urged." Well, how about that! It headed an article in a recent issue of *Medical World News* reporting on a conference sponsored by the National Health Council. A debate on whether patients desired "collaboration" or "paternalism" led to some interesting comments and observations.

Although one physician maintained that paternalism might still have a place in the care of patients when the course of the disease might not be understood by the patient, it is clear that the idea that patients want to know, and should want to know, requires some modification on that position.

Dr Eric Cassell, clinical professor of public health, Cornell University Medical College, made a statement that deserves repeating here: "Even if you can't take care of the cancer, you can take care of the patient." And that philosophy, dear readers, is what this column is all about.

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## Born addicts

THE sight is one you never forget. The tiny babies lie clinging to life, in incubators, on respirators, attached to all the equipment that modern technology affords.

Many have been born too soon, weighing as little as 1 1/2 lbs. All of them have been bequeathed a terrible legacy by their mother: a tiny drug-addicted system that, once separated from her, cries out in withdrawal.

These babies are the innocent victims of the worst drug scare ever to hit America. They are suffering because their mothers are addicted to crack, the deadly drug which experts are warning could soon take hold in Britain.

Crack is the cheap, plentiful, purified form of cocaine which, when smoked, produces a seductively intense high. It's dreadfully potent and horribly destructive. Some experts claim just using it once starts an instant addiction that's almost unbreakable. Among those who've received treatment, the relapse rate runs close to 70 per cent. But the most terrible side-effect is those tiny, addicted babies.

In the States, more than one in 10 newborns have been exposed to illegal drugs by their mothers. One hospital reports 25 per cent of its babies are born addicted. The Martin Luther King Jr/Drew Medical Centre in Los Angeles delivers 7,000 babies a year. Last year, 600 were born hooked.

Dr Xylina Bean, associate director of MLK's special care nurseries, tenderly strokes the arm of Baby A, who came into this world four days ago, at 28 weeks, weighing just over 2lbs. He breathes thanks to a respirator. He's jaundiced primarily because his liver is immature. He's suffering from serious lung disease.

## Tested

His mother, aged 16, tested positive for cocaine, which means she used the drug — probably crack — within 24-36 hours of coming to hospital. Baby A's urine also tested positive.

Baby A has, says Dr Bean, a good chance but "a lot is stacked against him." Not least is his mother's denial of her drug use. Less than one-fifth of Dr Bean's mothers admit to being users, even when confronted with positive test results.

The horrific statistics represent only those mothers and babies who've been closely monitored and tested because their arrival aroused suspicion. When one Californian hospital tested all mothers and babies the percentage of drug-affected babies rocketed from 9.7 per cent to 22.2 per cent. And testing only ferrets out the women who've used these drugs within 24-36 hours of coming to the hospital.

"If a mother doesn't get caught she breathes a sigh of relief and goes back to doing what she did before," says Dr Bean. Her first concern is for her tiny patients. "All of these babies are my babies and always fall in love," she says. Last year, she grew so

fond of a cocaine baby who'd been abandoned at birth and had spent five months on the ward, that she adopted her.

For most of these infants, however, the hospital is only a temporary haven. Here they're fed every four hours, wrapped securely in blankets and disturbed as little as possible, since the smallest stimulus agitates them. The complete withdrawal process might take days, weeks or a couple of months. And what does the future hold?

"Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (cot death) is about four times greater in substance-abuse kids," says Dr Bean. "But in cocaine kids the risk can be about eight to 12 times greater. Nobody knows why, except that these babies have abnormal breathing habits."

During their few days in hospital, mothers are urged to visit their babies often. They learn how to swaddle them and keep them away from loud noises and too many visitors.

"Drug mothers are not cold, uncaring creatures, they're sick, troubled women," explains Dr Bean. "Drugs are not a reflection of the fact that the mother doesn't care about the baby, or even the pregnancy. But that doesn't mean that she can take care of it, either." Long-term problems surface later. At the age of two, hyperactivity can develop. Learning problems show up at five.

"These children are not retarded but have trouble keeping up in school. They need more individual attention, are easily distracted and have shorter attention spans." Sadly, failure to keep up can lay the foundation for what Dr Bean calls "a dangerous downward spiral into gangs and drugs."

The crack baby problem is not limited to the poor. Dr Bean says similar troubles occur among the children of the rich and famous.

Around 40 per cent of the drug babies go home with mum, who may or not stop taking drugs. A similar percentage go into the custody of a grandmother or family member. In extreme circumstances the child is put into special care.

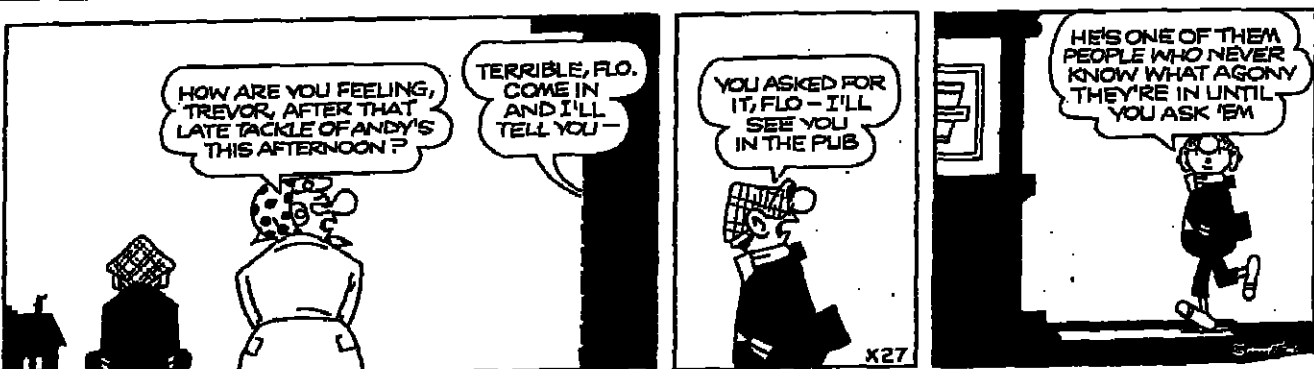
There are no easy answers. Foster care sounds like the ideal solution, but one ex-patient of Dr Bean's was shuffled between 32 foster homes in two years. "I wasn't sure any more that I was doing that child a favour."

In response to the crack baby crisis, there is a growing move in the States to prosecute pregnant drug mothers, charge them with child abuse and remove the children from their custody.

Technically, a foetus holds no status in the eyes of the law. Once the baby is born, the mother could be prosecuted for abusing or neglecting her child if, for instance, she breast-feeds after using cocaine. The question is: while it's still in the womb, can she be held responsible for damaging her foetus? The US courts are currently exploring this legal minefield.

ANDY CAPP

By Smith





100,000 cases by 1996

# Thailand fights AIDS

By John McWhorter

ITS Friday night and seven teenage boys stand on the stage of a gay bar called "Violet." Wearing nervous smiles, giggling at the condoms they hold, they wait for the competition to begin.

On the count of three, they rare to cover cucumbers with the condoms.

While dozens of other bar boys — homosexual prostitutes — sit in the audience laughing, Natee Teerarajapongs hands out T-shirts with an anti-AIDS message printed on them.

For an hour, Natee and five dancers from his troupe called Purple Strings mix music and dance with a serious message about the danger of AIDS — a presentation financed by the Thai health ministry.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome first appeared in Thailand in 1984. Health officials say only 18 people have come down with full-blown symptoms of the dread disease, although 7,566 have tested positive for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus or HIV, which causes AIDS.

But no one is really sure how many people have the virus because in a population of 55 million only 100,000 people were tested last year.

In the five years since its appearance in Thailand, HIV has spread rapidly due in part to a thriving sex industry and an estimated 500,000 heroin addicts.

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Last year, more than 4 million tourists visited Thailand, know for its thousands of brothels, massage parlours and bars.

Tourists may have originally brought

AIDS to Thailand, but now they are potential victims.

"By the end of 1991, we expect 24,000 cases of HIV positive," said Teera Ramasoota, director general of the Department of Communicable Disease Control. He expects that figure to rise as high as 100,000 by 1996.

The government's first response was to ignore the problem. With tourism bringing in \$3 billion a year, officials hoped the issue would go away.

Instead, it grew worse and Thailand has gotten more serious about fighting the disease, budgeting \$5.2 million this year to fight AIDS, an eight-fold increase over 1988.

Government and private organizations distribute free condoms. Last year, the US Agency for International Development gave away 16 million condoms for disease prevention in Thailand.

Early on, the nation's substantial homosexual community was seen as the culprit for bringing AIDS to Thailand. They were among the first to fight the battle.

"This is the front line of people who have to face AIDS," Natee said, standing outside a bar frequented by homosexuals.

Faced with a disease that has no known cure, educational efforts have begun to show results.

Natee said recent blood tests of 982 bar boys showed only 23 were HIV positive, much lower than he expected.

As in many nations, AIDS has moved from being seen as a "gay" disease to one that infects the heterosexual population. In the most recent count, 77 men have contracted HIV from heterosexual intercourse.

"We are trying to motivate the (women) prostitutes as well," Teera said.

Prostitution in Thailand is technically illegal, but young women from rural areas are

often sold to become prostitutes to help support their families. Others enter the business because they lack the skills to earn an equivalent income in other jobs.

Rather than eliminate prostitution, the government seeks to control the estimated 100,000 women in the business.

Teera said prostitutes are supposed to be tested each month for sexually transmitted diseases. In a recent agreement between health and police officials, women found infected with such diseases as syphilis and gonorrhea are considered not to be practicing safe sex. This makes them subject to arrest and mandatory AIDS test.

Those who test positive are only allowed to return to work if they promise to protect themselves and their customers.

"If they follow this agreement then it is OK and they can continue working," Teera said. If they do not, they face jail or a tightly supervised occupational training programme.

Chantawipa Apisuk, the director of Empower, a private group helping prostitutes, agrees that education is important, but said men often refuse to use condoms.

When that happens, women are faced with turning down business or accepting the risk.

"Women alone can't protect themselves," she said. "The use of condoms is a man's responsibility."

Even pimps are supporting the anti-AIDS campaign.

"Usually I would like to suggest to my customers that before they want to get some sex they have to wear a condom," said a 26-year-old pimp working near Patpong Road, Bangkok's best known red light district. "I worry about them. I don't want everybody to get AIDS."

(UPI — Bangkok).

## Needle sharing main cause

AN attractive young woman wearing shorts and a T-shirt sat on the bare linoleum floor and listened sleepily to a social worker tell of the danger of AIDS and heroin.

Six months ago, the 21-year-old prostitute was told she had the AIDS virus. She knows how it is spread, but it did not stop her nightly routine — going to a brothel in Bangkok's Klong Toey port, sharing needles with friends and sleeping with two or three men.

She knows the risk, but she has to support herself, her 9-year-old son and her 4-year-old heroin habit.

"In the next few years in Thailand, I think at least 100,000 people are going to die from this," said Prateep Unsongtham Hata, director of the Duang Prateep Foundation in Klong Toey slum.

"For fighting AIDS, our government is not doing enough," she said. The foundation, a self-help group for slum dwellers, has tried to step in where the government was slow to act.

AIDS first appeared in Klong Toey in 1987 when a blood test of an addict admitted for treatment came showing infection by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus or HIV, which causes AIDS.

Since then, 104 people — half of the addicts tested in the slum — have been found to carry the AIDS virus. In a slum that 60,000 people call home, Prateep estimates 80 per cent of those infected got it from sharing hypodermic needles.

Past

"It was passed sexually in the past, but now the highest percentage is from needle sharing," Prateep said.

Of the nation's 7,978 officially reported cases of HIV, 6,889 — 84 per cent — were caused by intravenous drug use. In a country with an estimated 500,000 heroin users, the costs of AIDS could be staggering.

Prateep complains the government, which controls the nation's five television stations, has not used the medium to educate its citizens. Nearly every home in Thailand has a television, even those with only plywood walls and tin roofs.

But Teera Ramasoota, chief of the Communicable Disease Control Department, said the government has begun running AIDS education ads every night on TV.

Heroin users are most at risk of being infected with AIDS because the needles they share are contaminated with each other's blood, the most direct way to contract HIV.

Wiwat Rojanaphityakorn, director of the government's AIDS Prevention and Control Centre, said needle sharing is something addicts here learned from their Western counterparts.



A local farmer inspects poppy plants in the Golden Triangle field bordering Burma, Laos and Thailand.

## New law threatens diggers

# Bakerville now ghost town

IN South Africa's big-business diamond industry, a few small prospectors still pan for gems using methods that have hardly changed since the heady days of the great diamond rush.

But their livelihood is threatened by proposed changes in the country's mining law,

which could strip them of their traditional digging rights.

"It's a hard life but a good life. It's just the love of it, the gamble," said Willie la Grange, one of 20 or 30 licensed prospectors in the former boom town of Bakerville, 200 kms (125 miles) west of Johannesburg.

Thousands of fortune-seekers flocked to South Africa from all over the world in the late 19th century, when diamonds were discovered at Kimberley in northern Cape Province and a handful of other sites.

Gradually the diggers sold out to mining companies, and today the massive Kimberley-based De Beers Consolidated Mines controls 80 per cent of the world's rough diamond supplies.

But a few hundred individuals still hold the prized digger's licence which entitles them to sift through old diamond fields, looking for the gem that could make them rich.

"Sometimes you find one a day, sometimes more. Sometimes you go a week without finding anything," said Jan Steyn, raking eagle-eyed through a mound of wet gravel on a felt mat.

"Maybe one day we'll find the big one," added his partner Fredrick Brendenck. "That's what makes me carry on."

As they spoke, a fresh sieveful of gravel revealed one tiny sparkling gem amidst the coarse black grit. It was their sixth that day — not a good haul, according to Steyn.

He said the stones amounted to roughly one-and-a-half carats and would sell for a total of about 500 rand (\$180). A single one-carat stone can fetch thousands of rand, depending on quality.

In the late 1920s, Bakerville was a rip-roaring place with bars, dance halls, churches, 17 schools and a permanent circus, all built on what residents say was the biggest and richest alluvial

diamond field in the world.

At its peak, 60,000 diggers and 100,000 labourers swarmed over an ancient river bed known as the Main Run, stretching wide for 20 kms (12 miles) through wild bushland.

Bucketfuls of gravel were dug from a depth of up to six metres (20 feet), washed, sieved and picked through for riches.

"It was a sort of wild west town — very exciting," said 87-year-old Jimmie Bouwer, who joined the rush to Bakerville when his army regiment was disbanded, and has lived here ever since. "One man found 700 diamonds in a single sieve."

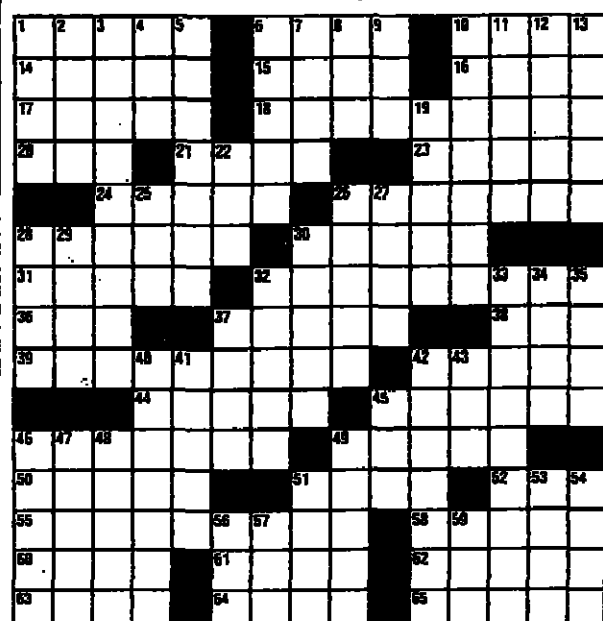
Now nothing is left but a few old tin houses, a handful of ruins and a vast area of churned earth. Preservationists are fighting to save the few abandoned buildings that remain, but are losing out against the ravages of time and the depredations of local people seeking firewood and corrugated metal sheets.

But the waste diggings still yield diamonds and prospectors say there could be more in the virgin soil beneath.

Bulldozers have replaced shovels in some spots, and the machines which wash and sift the gravel are engine-powered rather than hand-cranked. "But the principle of the thing is still exactly the same," Bouwer said.

"The minute you see a good diamond in the sieve, it's fantastic," said La Grange, chairman of the Bakerville Diggers' committee. "It's like a light going on. That to me is beauty. Then the minute I pick it up I think of the money." (Bakerville — Reuters)

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Looked the joint over
  - Assess
  - Kind of sch.
  - Bring upon one's self
  - Cupid
  - Nevada resort
  - Trap
  - Lawyer's aide
  - Hebrew letter
  - Short play
  - Winged
  - Relaxed
  - Tijuana treats
  - Pin-up at a party
  - mignon
  - Part of EAP
  - Cafeteria sign
  - Dessert choice
  - Modified plant forms
  - Above, poetically
  - Passage from the Bible
  - Confederate soldier
  - Curs
  - Croix de —
  - Republic of China
  - Kind, sort
  - Tapestry
  - Full or harvest
  - The Putnam River in Brazil
- DOWN**
- Antique chest
  - and The King of Siam
  - Junk collector
  - Part of EEC
  - Chest of drawers
  - Fast
  - He loves: Lat.
  - High, craggy hill
  - Historical time
  - Bishop or abbot
  - Dignified
  - Growing out
  - North and South
  - Gold and silver fabrics
  - Opener
  - Pseudonym: Abbr.
  - Diacritical mark
  - Landon et al.
  - Posse mems.
  - Of a poem
  - Dreads
  - Short, stumpy tails

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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
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Neither vulnerable. North deals.

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♥ K 8 5 2

♦ 6 4

♣ A K Q 6

**WEST**

♠ Q 7 6 5 3

♥ J 9 5 2

♦ J 10 9 8

♣ A K 9

**EAST**

♠ 4 2

♥ J 9 6 4 3

♦ Q 10 3

♣ A K 8 7

♠ 5 3

The bidding:

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5 ♦ Pass 5 NT Pass

6 ♥ Pass 7 ♥ Pass

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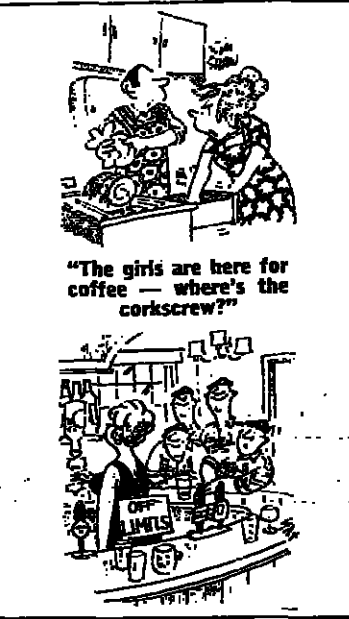
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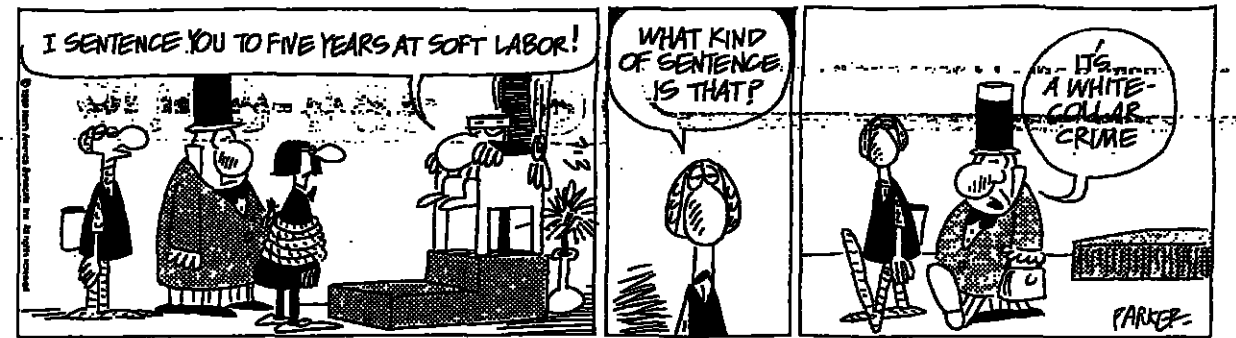
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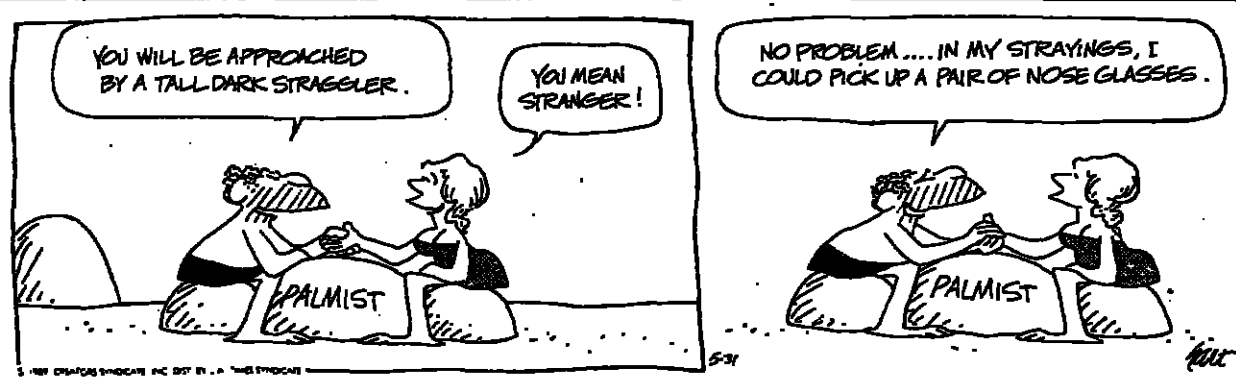
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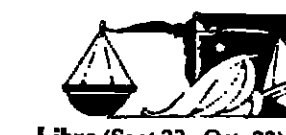
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You are more likely to mistake dream for reality and should try to rub the sleep out of your eyes. Consider others before you take a step that concerns them too. Avoid ruining your health. Be reliable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

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Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

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You will have plenty to do and must make sure you get your priorities right. Your lucky numbers are 36 and 8. Something you have learnt quite recently will now show its worth to you. Stand by a friend who has had some bad luck. Be reasonable.



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You will be tempted to eat more than you know well you should; if you do you will regret it. Do change the subject even though it is of interest to you and it does not interest those you are with. Avoid snap judgements. Be circumspect.



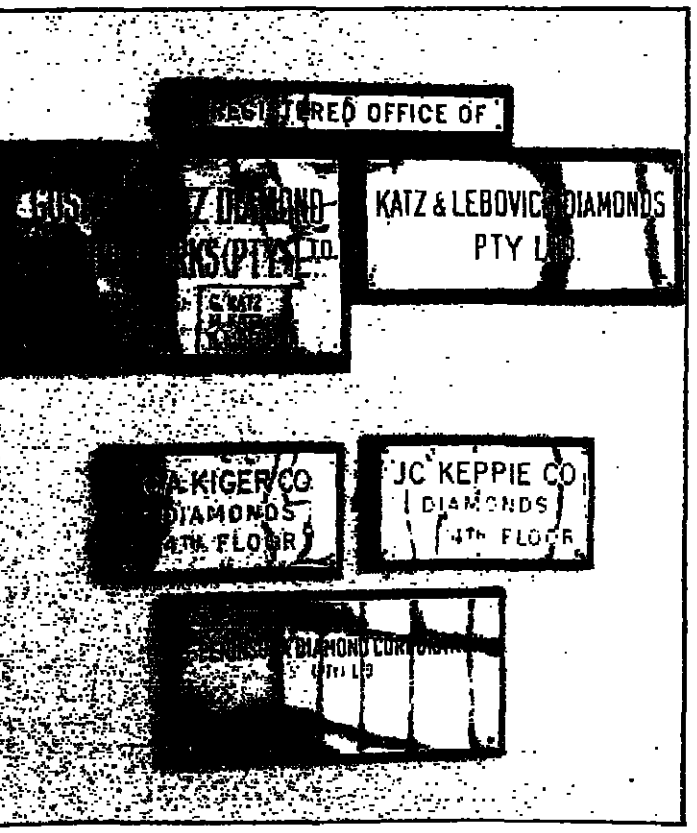
Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be proved right, but you will not be thanked for the fact. You will find a better way of doing something you have been doing for a long time. Look out for mistakes, yours and those made by others too. Be fair.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Avoid doing something first and counting the cost later. And do not take too much for granted. Refrain from behaviour that is against the law, even if you think you can get away with it. Be sensible.



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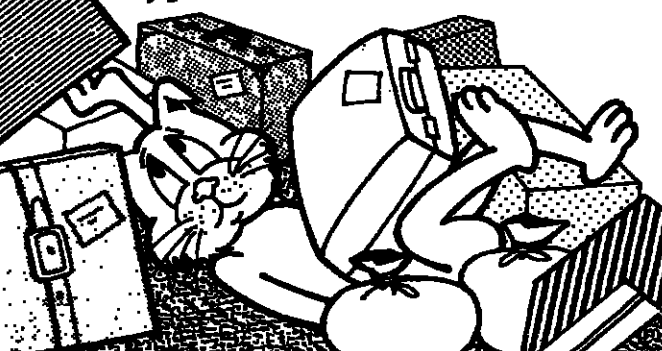
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## King falls back into tie with Sheehan

LAKE ORION, Mich., July 16, (Reuters): Betsy King dropped four strokes over the last five holes to fall back into a tie for the lead with Patty Sheehan after three rounds of the US Women's Open Golf Championship yesterday.

King, who began the day with a three-stroke lead, had stretched her advantage to four strokes before unraveling with a bogey at 15, a double bogey at 17 and another bogey at 18.

Sheehan posted a two-under-par round of 69 to catch King, who shot 72 for her 54 hole total of 210, three under par.

"When I started my round today, I didn't feel that I was swinging that well," King said. "I missed a shot at 15 and my confidence left me."

Two shots behind the leaders were Colleen Walker, with Marie Laura Delorenzi-Taya of France another stroke back in fourth.

Defending champion Liselotte Neumann of Sweden toured the Indianwood Country Club course in four-over-par 75 to drop to 217, seven shots off the pace.

King, the hottest golfer on the tour this year with four victories, was beginning to show the strain of leading from the start. "The way I feel right now, I can't wait until tomorrow night," she said. "I have been under the gun for a long time."

Sheehan continued to play her steady brand of golf. Back-to-back birdies on the 11th and 12th holes brought her down to three-under and she parred out from there.

"I am sure glad to be in off the golf course," Sheehan said. "I started to lose concentration about the 15th hole. Actually I am a little surprised at my position right now. There are a lot of holes left to play and a lot of things can happen so I'm just going to try to stay patient tomorrow."

Walker and Delorenzi-Taya agreed that the Scottish links type course was a mighty challenge for the field.

"It was a struggle today," said Walker, who shot even par.

Delorenzi-Taya also matched par. "Even par is a good round today," she said. "I feel I could have had a 67 or 68 but I am not disappointed with my score. Tomorrow, everyone will have a lot of pressure so it will be interesting."

## Hulbert hangs on to lead in PGA Classic

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., July 16, (Reuters): Mike Hulbert parred every hole on the back nine yesterday to hang on to a one-shot lead after three rounds of the \$850,000 PGA Golf Classic at Kingsmill Golf Club.

Hulbert, the leader after 36 holes, finished the day with a three-under-par 68 that put him at 14-under-par 199.

The chase is on, however, led by former PGA champion Hal Sutton who fired a 65 to stand at 200. Tim Simpson, a 66, was at 201. Roger Maltbie and Tim Morris were another shot away with four more golfers one more stroke behind.

"I had plenty of opportunities on the back nine to increase my lead," said Hulbert, looking for the second Tour victory of his career. "But I can't complain. I haven't been in this position too often in the past. I'm just going to go for it."

Sutton, a co-leader after the first round and four strokes back beginning the day, had a share of the lead before bogeying the final hole when he missed a four foot putt for par.

"When I came out today I knew it would take a low round to put myself back into position to win," said Sutton, winless since 1986.

Simpson, who won in New Orleans this year, also likes his chances.

## Lundgren triumphs twice to reach final

NEWPORT, R.I. July 16, (Reuters): Peter Lundgren of Sweden won twice yesterday to put himself into the final of the \$155,000 Hall of Fame Tennis Championship.

Lundgren, the sixth seed, completed some unfinished business — a quarterfinal match against Australian John Fitzgerald that had been suspended by rain — before beating Glenn Layendecker 6-3 6-4 in the semifinals. Opposing the 24-year-old Swede in today's

final will be American Jim Pugh, who beat Daniel Visser of South Africa 6-4 6-7 (4-7) 6-3 in the other semifinal.

Lundgren was serving for the first set at 5-4 when his match against Fitzgerald was suspended. When it was resumed, the Swede had to fight through two tiebreakers, winning them 7-2 and 7-4, to advance. "It's tough to start a match that's already in

play," said Lundgren, who has won three of the four finals he's been in.

In the semifinals, Layendecker broke Lundgren in the fifth game of the first set, but that was his last bright spot.

Layendecker's serve became erratic and Lundgren immediately broke back in the sixth game. Layendecker double faulted at 15-40 in the eighth game to give Lundgren the necessary break to claim the set.

## Gomez stuns Agassi

Wilander tames Jaite

BOSTON, July 16, (Reuters): Andres Gomez of Ecuador upset top-seeded Andre Agassi in a thrilling three-set match yesterday to advance to the final against Mats Wilander in the \$415,000 US Pro Tennis Championship.

Gomez, the sixth seed in this clay court tournament, eliminated the flamboyant 19-year-old American 7-6 6-7 6-2 in a two-hour 34-minute semifinal.

Wilander, a two-time champion here, overcame a slow start to defeat 11th-seeded Martin Jaite of Argentina 3-6 6-4 6-4 in the other semifinal.

Gomez, ranked 27th in the world, was revitalized in the first set after chair umpire Richard Ings overruled a call that gave Agassi a 6-5 lead. Gomez then won 11 of 14 points on his way to forcing a tiebreak and winning it 7-1.

Agassi, fourth in the world, raced to a 4-0 lead in the second set, belting his groundstrokes with more force and consistency. But the long-haired Las Vegas teenager became frustrated by Gomez's patience and lost the next three games.



Gomez eliminated the top seed

Agassi then held his serve for 5-3 and reached double set point on Gomez's serve at 40-15, but Gomez held both off with net approaches and went on to reach match point in the 12th game, which he lost by hitting a routine volley wide.

Agassi won that tiebreak 7-3, but faltered in the third set where he lost his serve in the fifth and seventh game as Gomez kept

pressing the American with his heavy topspin groundstrokes.

Agassi said he believed he could win the match after taking the second-set tiebreak.

"I thought I had it after that. He missed that match point and then I felt good in the tiebreak, but I couldn't keep it going in the third set. It's disappointing but not disturbing," the laid-back Agassi said.

Wilander, sixth in the world, carefully selected opportunities to approach the net throughout the match with the Jaite, who restricted himself to the baseline.

The Swede scored the only break of the final set at 5-4 to end the two-hour 17-minute match.

"I thought I played very well in the last two sets and I played alright in the first set, but he started out very well," Wilander said.

"I feel I'm playing better in every match and I think today is really going to help me tomorrow."

Wilander, who won the US pro title in 1985 and 1987, is seeking his first tour singles title since winning Oct. 2, 1988 in Italy.

Jaite, who missed a chance to go over the \$1 million mark in career earnings, has twice been an unsuccessful finalist at Longwood, including a loss to Wilander two years ago.

Jaite said he had his best chance to upset the second-seeded Wilander in the second set. And, he noted, he had given the Swedish veteran the first game of the match on double faults.

## New system for drug tests in the offing

VIENNA, July 16, (UPI): The International Amateur Athletic Federation yesterday announced drug-testing proposals, including a check-and-balance system among member federations of track and field's umbrella governing body.

Called the "challenge system," and proposed by the US Athletics Congress, the possible testing programme allows for member countries to call for random drug-testing of another national federation's athletes within 24 hours after the so-called "challenge."

The new system of random drug testing will not be voted on until the IAAF meets fully at the council meeting in Barcelona in early September.

Vice-president Ollan Cassell, representing the US federation, said that such a new system would clear up controversy surrounding the practice of random drug testing.

"The proposed system will take away the suspicious situations surrounding drug testing," he said.

Under this system, any national federation can appeal to the IAAF and challenge an athlete of a foreign team. The proposal calls for an independent group within the federation to test the athletes within 24 hours of a challenge.

Any country refusing the challenge would be disqualified from IAAF-sanctioned events.

In the wake of Canadian Ben Johnson's steroid use at the 1988 Olympics, the IAAF also drafted 12 vital points in dealing with athletes found to have taken banned substances — including the stripping of world, continental and national records and titles.

While making no direct reference to Johnson, who recently admitted under oath to having taken steroids, IAAF president Primo Nebiolo said that under the plan action will be taken against an athlete after the IAAF council review board sees the report.

"I only want to say that the IAAF will have the possibility of taking a title away but it will not be automatic," Nebiolo said.

## British star inducted into Hall of Fame

## Wade gets place in history

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 16, (UPI): Virginia Wade, the Englishwoman who fulfilled the hopes of her countrymen by winning the 100th Wimbledon, was inducted yesterday into the international tennis Hall of Fame.

After 16 years of failed attempts and growing pressure, Wade triumphed at the All England Club in 1977. The centenary championships also marked the silver jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Before Wade walked on stage, she said, "as the Queen will be coming to present the Cup, I think I had better win it."

Before yesterday's ceremonies at the Newport casino, Wade said her Wimbledon triumph felt predestined.

"It really did. I remember that two years before, I was playing well enough to win, but I didn't. It seemed it wasn't meant to be then, as if I was meant to wait two more years," she recalled.

Also voted into the 149-member Hall of Fame was Australian Gerald Patterson, a two-time Wimbledon champion who died in 1967.

Wade won the first US Open in 1968 and the Australian title in 1972, but it was her long-awaited Wimbledon triumph was her moment of glory.

"Twelve years later, people in England will still stop me and describe tiny details from the match, they remember it so well, and where they were when they were watching it," said Wade, who helped popularize the women's professional tour.

During the induction ceremonies, Pam Shriver presented

ted a gift of crystal from the Women's International Tennis Association. Shriver, who has failed to win a Grand Slam title despite her decade of Wimbledon, "because she represents the quality that every competitor must have — persistence."

Wade told the spectators at the Newport casino that athletes "live in the present moment and you think you'll be forgotten, you're just playing to win matches and tournaments, so it's nice to get a retrospective honour. It's pleasant to think that one is part of history."

Wade learned to play tennis during her childhood in South Africa. After earning a degree in

mathematics, she planned to play the international circuit only briefly because women's professional tennis "wasn't feasible as a career."

Wade's strengths as a player were a firm, flowing backhand and strong serve; with her athleticism, she was a factor in women's tennis from the 1960s until the early 1980s.

"I was really lucky to come along when I did, for I covered the two eras," she said. "Even if I didn't have the same number of zeroes on the checks."

Wade noted that the extra money makes today's players work harder and longer.

"We never had the intensified training and coaching. Your nose has to be more to the grindstone now," she said, and then recited the cautionary saying: "Too much work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

"When you gain something, you also give something away," she said. "Players may have given away their (personal) development for the game. And you only have your youth while you're young."

Wade was also an outstanding doubles player, pairing with Margaret Smith court to win the French and Australian titles once each and the US title three times.

Patterson, born in 1895, won Wimbledon at the age of 23 and three years later, in 1922, won the crown the first year after the challenge round dropped. He also won the Australian singles crown in 1927 and was an Australian doubles titlist five times.

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## Notts clinch last-ball thriller

LONDON, July 16, (Reuters): Eddie Hemmings, Nottinghamshire's 40-year-old off-spinner, hit the last ball for four to give his side a thrilling three-wicket win over Essex in the Benson and Hedges Cup one-day 55 overs final at Lord's yesterday.

Nottinghamshire, chasing 244 to win, needed nine runs off the final over and four from the final ball with Hemmings facing another 40-year-old in left-arm seamer John Lever.

After Lever and Essex skipper Graham Gooch had carefully placed their field, Lever bowled a full-length ball on the stumps.

Hemmings sliced it square through the off side and the Notts supporters erupted with joy as the ball raced to the boundary ahead of a desperately chasing Brian Hardie.

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Sabatini crushed Fernandez

## Jarryd and Sabatini win Gunze crowns

OSAKA, Japan, July 16, (AP): Anders Jarryd of Sweden captured the men's singles title today and Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina took the women's crown in the \$250,000 Gunze world tennis tournament.

Jarryd beat American Pete Sampras 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, while Sabatini overpowered American Mary Joe Fernandez 6-1, 6-2 on the artificial surface of Osaka Municipal Gymnasium in western Japan.

Sabatini, ranked third in the world, quickly broke Fernandez' service in the first game of the first set. Fernandez, who is lower ranked at No. 16 but has beaten Sabatini in each of their four previous encounters, broke back in the second game.

Sabatini, shooting powerful strokes from the baseline, went on to break Fernandez' service in the third, fifth and seventh games in the first set.

In the second set Fernandez broke in the first and third games while Sabatini broke in the second game before taking the final five games.

In the men's final, Jarryd, the Wimbledon doubles champion, fired five aces but also had five double faults in the nearly two-hour match.

Jarryd and Sabatini each received \$40,000 for their wins, while Sampras and Fernandez received \$18,000.

Sampras then teamed up with Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union to win the mixed-doubles title, beating American Jim Courier and Canadian Helen Kelesi 6-2, 6-3.

## Fittipaldi breaks record

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, July 16, (UPI): Emerson Fittipaldi yesterday broke his own track record over the Meadowlands Grand Prix course for the second straight day to secure the pole for the Marlboro Grand Prix.

Fittipaldi, who is attempting to become the first Indy car driver to win four races in a row, topped his best time from Friday's first qualifying round twice during the session.

By navigating the 1.217-mile (1.958 km) course in 37.919 seconds at an average speed of 115.541 mph (185.940 kph), Fittipaldi set a course record. Mario

Andretti won the spot next to Fittipaldi for today's race by posting the second-fastest lap with a speed of 114.715 mph (184.610 kph). Andretti won the inaugural event in 1984.

Fittipaldi took the pole in last year's race and led most of the way before crashing on lap 110 after a collision with Al Unser Jr. Unser Jr went on to win the race, his second Marlboro Grand Prix victory.

Unser Jr's 114.664 mph (184.528 kph) lap yesterday put him in the third position for this year's race. Michael Andretti was fourth with a speed of 114.598 (184.422).

## 319 colts on sale at Keeneland auction

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 16, (Reuters): The last two foals sired by Northern Dancer will be among 319 yearling colts and fillies offered beginning today in the annual two-day Keeneland July Selected Yearling Sale, the richest thoroughbred auction.

Northern Dancer was the racing industry's most popular stallion from the mid-1970s until his retirement last year at age 27. The 1964 Kentucky Derby winner's offspring commanded top prices on average in 10 of the past 11 Keeneland sales in the heart of Kentucky's bluegrass region.

"We feel like we have a very nice group of yearling and look forward to a solid sale," said Keeneland sales director Rogers Beasley.

"In addition to the usual number of European buyers, we expect more Japanese this year."

Most prominent among past foreign buyers have been the Maktoum family of Dubai, British betting pools magnate Robert Sangster and Greek shipping tycoon Stavros Niarchos.

A Keeneland spokesman said foreign buyers accounted for nearly \$50 million of the \$115 million spent in the 1988 two-day sale and in a single-day auction immediately afterwards.

This year's sale also includes an auction on Wednesday with 165 yearling colts and fillies not grouped with the prime thoroughbreds offered in the initial sale.

Beasley said this year's drop in yearlings catalogued over the entire three days to 484 from 514 last year had no special significance and did not represent a conscious effort to cut back the supply of horses.

The top price of \$3.5 million at last year's two-day sale was paid by Irish-based owner-trainer Vincent O'Brien for a colt sired by former European champion Nijinsky II, one of Northern Dancer's most famous sons.

A Northern Dancer colt out of two-time English champion Mrs Penny and a colt out of unraced Gleaming Smile will be auctioned on Tuesday, officials said.

## Italy win team epee finals

DENVER, Colo., July 16, (Reuters): Italy, led by an unstoppable 26-year-old policeman from Naples, beat West Germany 9-4 to win the men's team epee gold medal yesterday in the concluding event at the world fencing championships.

Sandro Cuomo went four-for-four to lead his team to victory and send the West Germans home with the silver.

Earlier, Cuba handed Sweden a surprising 9-7 defeat to take the bronze.

The Italians took a 3-0 lead and never let go despite two brief surges by the West Germans.

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## Twins beat Red Sox in eighth, end losing streak



# Al Hajri lying 10th in Rally of New Zealand

SAEED AL HAJRI, Rothmans rally star from Qatar, pushed his way to the leader-board of this year's Rothmans Rally of New Zealand yesterday after a concerted drive through the second day's 11 high speed stages.

"I feel much happier now the rain has stopped," said Al Hajri as he drove his Sierra Cosworth into the Rotorua overnight halt.

"I expected the stages today to suit the Sierra Cosworth and I was right. We started the day in 17th place overall, but we stayed clear of trouble and pressed ahead harder to finish in 10th place and in the World Championship points."

Amid hot bubbling springs and gushing geysers, Al Hajri rested on the bonnet of his powerful Rothmans Ford Rally Team Sierra. He deserved the rest, for he had just

tackled some of the fastest and most difficult stages in New Zealand. These stages saw the end of front runner Jimmy McRae and local driver Ray Wilson tip over his Mazda. Al Hajri's steady climb through the field was attributed to some clever driving on the smooth, but pebble covered sections.

With Britain's Steve Bond beside him as his co-driver, the Rothmans ace had

travelled to the other side of the world to pursue his love of the sport of rallying. Competing alongside the top European drivers, Al Hajri continued to score fast stage times when the conditions didn't favour his rear wheel drive car, and when the conditions changed, he shot forward into immediate contention.

"I still have to hold back some speed in reserve for tomorrow," says Al Hajri.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Sluman ahead

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 16, (AP): American Jeff Sluman yesterday kept his lead after the second day of the one-million dollar Belgian Classic golf tournament at the Royal Golf Club of Belgium outside Brussels. Sluman shot a two under par 71 to lead with an aggregate 137.9 under par, after two rounds.

### Bie-Shyun wins

TAKARAZUKA, Japan, July 16, (AP): Huang Bie-Shyun of Taiwan shot a 69 to capture the Asahi Kokusai women's golf tournament with a 208 total on the 6,082-yard, par 72 Asahi Kokusai Takarazuka Country Club course today. Japan's Hiromi Kobayashi, finished second, four strokes behind Bie-Shyun.

### Double loss

SOFIA, July 16, (UPI): Bulgaria experienced a double loss in rhythmic gymnastics as chief coach of the national team Nieschka Robewa and chairwoman of the Bulgarian rhythmic gymnastics federation Maria Gigova both resigned Friday.

### Hungary lose

BERLIN, July 16, (AP): Defending world champion Yugoslavia edged Hungary 8-7 and Italy clipped Spain 12-10 in overtime in semifinal matches at the FINA World Cup water polo tournament in West Berlin. Yugoslavia goes against Italy in the championship match.

### Pole transferred

WARSAW, July 16, (UPI): Polish striker Dariusz Dziekanowski finally has become an international player after Celtic Glasgow paid \$885,000 for his transfer from Legia Warszawa Polish television said yesterday.

### McEnroe out

MUNICH, West Germany, July 16, (Reuters): John McEnroe has pulled out of the United States team for this week's Davis Cup semifinal against defending champions West Germany because of a shoulder injury, team officials said today. The 30-year-old world number five, who complained of a strained muscle in his left shoulder during the recent Wimbledon championships, is expected to be replaced in the singles by world number 15 Brad Gilbert.

### Rooks wins

ORCIERES-MERLETTE, France, July 16, (Reuters): Dutch rider Steven Rooks won the 15th stage of the Tour de France cycle race, a 39-km individual time trial from Gap to Orcieres-Merlette, today. Spain's Marino Lejarreta was second and his compatriot Miguel Indurain third. American Greg Lemond regained overall leadership.

### Rosi triumphs

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, July 16, (AP): Gianfranco Rosi of Italy knocked down Darrin van Horn 30 seconds in the fight and then gave the Kentuckian a 12-round boxing lesson to capture the International Boxing Federation junior middleweight title with a unanimous decision yesterday.

### Way ahead

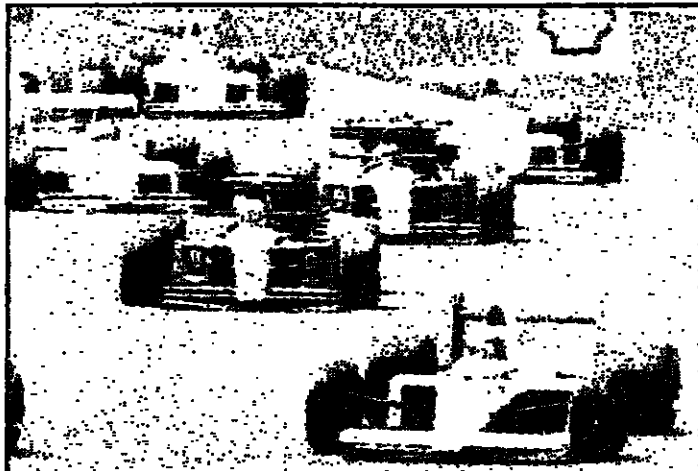
GAP, France, July 16, (AP): Canadian Kelly-Anne Way went into the overall lead of the women's Tour de France as American Katrijn Tobin took the fourth stage. Two-time champion Jeannie Longo of France dropped to second overall. Tobin captured the day's leg, a 97-kilometre (60-mile) jaunt from Dignes-les-Bains to Gap.

### Two-way tie

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, July 16, (AP): Walter Zembriski rode a sizzling front nine to a 5-under-par 66 yesterday, tying defending champion Orville Moody for the lead after two rounds of the Greater Grand Rapids Open senior tournament.

# Prost wins British GP

## Senna fails to finish



Prost leads the other cars during the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

SILVERSTONE, England, July 16, (AP): Frenchman Alain Prost won the British Grand Prix by 19 seconds today over Briton Nigel Mansell for his second consecutive Formula One victory, expanding his lead in the world drivers' standings to 20 points.

The victory, which increased Prost's Formula One record for triumphs to 38, was his third in the British Grand Prix and marked the sixth victory for a McLaren-Honda in this season's eight races.

Mansell's Ferrari held off third-place Alessandro Nannini of Italy in a Benetton-Ford by 29 seconds. Nelson Piquet of Brazil was fourth in a Lotus-Honda, while Pierluigi Martini of Italy and the Minardi-Ford team was fifth and Spaniard Luis Perez Sala was sixth in the other Minardi.

The 34-year-old Prost, who won the French Grand Prix last week, finished the 65-lap race around the 2.97-mile (4.78-kilometre) Silverstone circuit in 1 hour, 19 minutes, 22.131 seconds in hot, humid conditions.

Defending world champion Ayrton Senna, who started from the pole position in the other McLaren, led the race for the first 11 laps but spun off the track on

the 12th lap and was not able to continue.

Prost, who had started second on the grid, took over the lead after his teammate's mishap and led for the rest of the race despite a slow tyre change with 22 laps remaining.

Prost now has 47 points in the standings, while Senna remains his closest competitor with 27. Riccardo Patrese, an Italian who drives a Williams-Renault, remained third in the standings despite spinning into a wall on

the 20th lap of the race, while Mansell now has 21 points.

Prost, who also won at Silverstone in 1983 and 1985, has placed either first or second in five races this season. He has won both his races since announcing he will leave the McLaren team at the end of this season.

"The Frenchman, known as 'The Professor' for his technical skills and calm resolve, joined Niki Lauda and Jack Brabham as three-time winners of the British Grand Prix. The only man to

have won more is Briton Jim Clark, who won the race five times in the early 1960s.

The race was another in a recent series of disappointments for Senna, who won three of this year's opening four races but has not been among the leaders in the last four contests. Technical problems had bedeviled him in the last three races, and today he spun off the track while in the lead.

Only 12 of the 26 starters completed the 193-mile (311-kilometre) race in central England before 170,000 spectators. Many of those fans waved British and Ferrari flags in hopes they could cheer Mansell on to his third victory in his nation's Grand Prix.

### Standings

World Drivers' championship (after eight rounds): 1. Alain Prost (France) 47 points; 2. Ayrton Senna (Brazil) 27; 3. Riccardo Patrese (Italy) 22; 4. Nigel Mansell (Britain) 21; 5. Thierry Boutsen (Belgium) 13; 6. Alessandro Nannini (Italy) 12; 7. Nelson Piquet (Brazil) 11; 8. Michele Alboreto (Italy) 6; 9. Johnny Herbert (Britain) 5; 10. Derek Warwick (Britain); Stefano Modena (Italy); Eddie Cheever (USA); Andrea de Cesaris (Italy); Alex Caffi (Italy); 16. Equal: Christian Danner (West Germany); Jean Alesi (France); 18. Equal: Stefan Johansson (Sweden); Rene Arnoux (France); Pierluigi Martini (Italy) 2; 21. Equal: Gabriele Tarquini (Italy); Jonathan Palmer (Britain).

# Lawson finishes first

LE MANS, France, July 16, (Reuters): Eddie Lawson won the French Motorcycle Grand Prix today and served notice that he aims to keep his 500 cc world crown.

Honda rider Lawson, awarded victory in the controversial Belgian round of the series two weeks ago, left fellow-Americans Kevin Schwantz and Wayne Rainey in second and third places respectively.

Lawson reduced Rainey's lead in the 1989 title-chase from 13.5 to 8.5 points with four rounds remaining.

A 100,000 crowd at the Bugatti circuit saw Lawson finish the 29-lap race less than one second ahead of Suzuki rider Schwantz, who nearly fell on the last bend.

Rainey, on a Yamaha, was well adrift of the leading pair at the line.

Lawson's Honda clocked an average speed on the winding course of 95.25 miles (153.298 kilometres) per hour.

Frenchman Christian Sarron on a Yamaha finished fourth.

### Results

500 cc (29 laps, 128.47 km): 1. Eddie Lawson (USA) Honda: 50 minutes 16.94 seconds; 2. Kevin Schwantz (USA) Suzuki: 50:17.71; 3. Wayne Rainey (USA) Yamaha: 50:32.47; 4. Christian Sarron (France) Yamaha: 50:40.53; 5. Kevin Magee (Australia) Yamaha: 50:41.15; 6. Pier Francesco Chili (Italy) Honda: 50:53.49; 7. Niall MacKenzie (Britain) Yamaha: 51:10.48; 8. Michael Doohan (Australia) Honda: 51:16.06; 9. Rob McElnea (Britain) Honda: 51:43.23; 10. Adrian Morillas (France) Honda: 51:48.40.



Eddie Lawson

## Martin to turn down European Cup invitation

LONDON, July 16, (Reuters): Britain's top 10,000 metres runner Eamonn Martin said today he would refuse an invitation to run in next month's European Cup as a protest over being disqualified at the London Grand Prix athletics meeting on Friday.

Martin, who ran his fastest 5,000 metres to finish third, and race winner, Mexico's Arturo Barrios, were disqualified for receiving coaching from the infield. Barrios was reinstated after an appeal.

Martin said his decision to refuse an invitation to run in the Cup was "partly a protest against the shabby way I was treated."

## Aouita wins 1,000 metres

GETXO, Spain, July 16, (AP): Moroccan world-record holder Said Aouita easily won the 1,000-metre race in a time of 2:22.14 at the Second International Track and Field Outdoor Grand Prix Meet yesterday.

He was followed by his countryman M. Saher in 2:23.59.

In other events at Fadura stadium in this northern Basque town, James Butler of the United States won the 100-metre event, while his countryman Nat Page captured the 400-metre hurdles.

Butler was clocked 10.48. He was followed by fellow American Renaldo Nehemiah in 10.53.

Page was clocked at 49.68, followed by Jose Alonso Valero, Spain, in 51.31.

Antonio Sillio of Argentina captured the 5,000-metre run in a time of 13:41.52, followed by Vincent Rousseau of Belgium, clocked 13:42.79.

The pole vault was won by Antonio Ruiz of Spain with 5.41. Spanish recordman Jose Luis Gonzalez won the 3,000-metre event in 7:43.94.

Diane Williams of the United States easily won the 100 metres for women in 11.60, followed by Sandra Myers of Spain in 12.04.

P.S. Plumer of the United States captured the 3,000-metre run in 9:09.26, followed by V. Collard of Belgium in 9:11.71.

Elly van Hulst of the Netherlands won the 800-metre race in 2:02.12. American M. Taylor was second in 2:02.31.

## Steeb fights back to take Gstaad title

GSTAAD, Switzerland, July 16, (Reuters): Carl-Uwe Steeb gave a timely boost to West Germany's prospects in this week's Davis Cup tie against the United States when he came back from two sets down to notch his first Grand Prix victory today.

Steeb, ranked 28th in the world and seeded eighth in the Gstaad tournament, subdued unseeded Swede Magnus Gustafsson 6-7 3-6 6-2 6-4 6-3 in just under three hours in the final to collect the winner's cheque for \$55,000.

Coming hard on the heels of Boris Becker's Wimbledon triumph a week ago, Steeb's win will shoot the Davis Cup holder's confidence sky-high ahead of the Munich semifinal which starts on Friday.

Gustafsson, at 22 a year older than his opponent, had seemed certain to clinch his first Grand Prix victory after taking the first set on an 8-6 tiebreak in less than an hour and racing through the second in 25 minutes.

Gustafsson, 65th in the world, failed to recover his early momentum.

Steeb, clearly unsettled by a line call overrule from the umpire which allowed the Swede to level the tiebreak at 6-6, promptly double-faulted to surrender the first set and, still upset, offered only token resistance in the second.

## Kuwait team for Damascus tournament

THE Kuwait shooting team will take part in the Damascus Shooting Championship, to be held in Syria July 24-30.

The Kuwaiti squad (skeet and trap) is currently being trained by Mansour Kattan at the Hunting & Equestrian Club in preparation for this event.

The Kuwaiti marksmen aim to use the Damascus competition as preparatory training for the World Championship to be held in Italy, Sept 4-10.

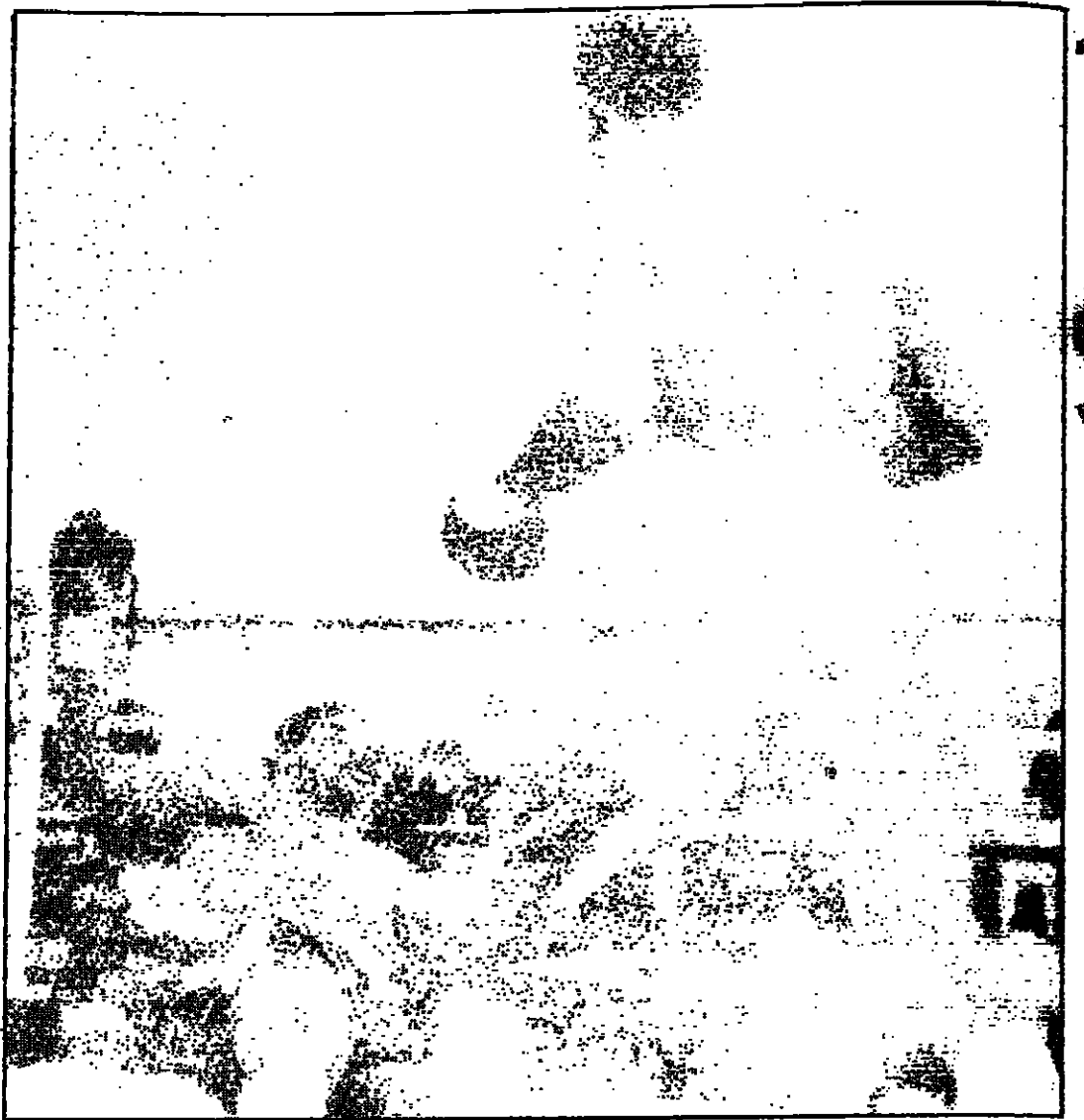
The following will take part in the Damascus event:

Skeet: Salah Al Mutairi, Abdulla Al Tarqi and Nayef Al Dikani.

Trap: Abdulatif Al Kandary and Salahal Owajjan.

The Kuwaiti marksmen have also qualified for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Six of them performed well at the World Cup event in Subi, East Germany to qualify for the Games.

The Kuwait squad will leave for Syria on July 22.



Holyfield (right) sends Rodrigues crashing to the canvas. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Top challenger ready to face Tyson

# Holyfield KO's Rodrigues

LAKE TAHOE, Nev., July 16, (UPI): With a ferocious combination last night, unbeaten Evander Holyfield convinced his co-trainer that heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is a beatable opponent.

"The message is, with the right hand, uppercut and left hook, Mike Tyson will end up in the third row when Evander fights him," Lou Duva said after Holyfield knocked out Adilson Rodrigues of Brazil in the second round and moved closer to a bout with Tyson.

Showing few ill effects from a 10-round war in March with Michael Dokes, Holyfield floored Rodrigues with an overhand right. The 31-year-old Brazilian, ranked No. 2 by the World Boxing Council, lay flat on his back and was counted out by referee Mills Lane.

Holyfield, 22-0 with 18 KOs, earned a career-high \$1.25 million. A payday against Tyson could be worth up to \$10 million to Holyfield, who is ranked No. 1 by the World Boxing Council, and World Boxing Association.

Holyfield's handlers say they will ask the WBA to make Tyson agree by Nov 25 to a mandatory defense.

"I'll leave it up to my manager (Ken Sanders) and my trainers," Holyfield said. "I'm the boxer. I feel I'll be ready at any time."

Rodrigues was the busier fighter in the first round, landing a right to Holyfield's cheek and a strong

body shot midway through the round. "He was fighting a faster pace than I thought he would," Holyfield said. "Instead of being impatient, I tried to slow his rhythm down."

Holyfield started slowly in the second round as Rodrigues slammed a right to the head 45 seconds in. Holyfield sized him up seconds later, beginning a bout-ending barrage with a right uppercut. He followed with a left hook, then an overhand right dropped the Brazilian.

"I looked to counter his right hand with a right hand," Holyfield said. "I stung him. I felt the fight would go as long as he held up. He made a mistake and I was able to capitalise."

The fight was over at 1:29 and Rodrigues remained on the canvas for more than a minute.

"I didn't see the punches I took," Rodrigues said through an interpreter. "I can't say Holyfield is the best because he hasn't fought Tyson yet. Tyson is still the best."

"I was in shape to go, but I got caught and got knocked out."

Holyfield, an 11-1 favourite last night, has measurably improved since he vacated his undisputed cruiserweight crown last summer to try the more lucrative heavyweight division. He knocked out James Tillis in five rounds in his debut, stopped Pinklon Thomas in seven rounds in December, and won one of the most competitive fights of the year when he outbrawled former titleholder Dokes.



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RIO DE JANEIRO, July 16, (Reuters): Brazil and Uruguay, both former world champions, have lifted South American soccer out of a depression felt since Argentina won the World Cup in 1986.

A South American championship mired in uninspired play from almost all 10 participants during the qualifying stages, came to life in this week's final round.

Brazil and Uruguay, attacking with speed and precision, put a total of 10 goals, some of them brilliant, past Diego Maradona's penderous world champions and the outdated Paraguay in two days of dizzying action.

The two sides reached the final equal on points and goals and a capacity 165,000-crowd was expected at the giant Maracana stadium today.

A week ago, not even the most optimistic fan could have dreamt of such a fitting finish to this edition of the world's oldest football tournament, first played in

1917, and second in importance in South America only to the World Cup.

Two years ago in Argentina, Uruguay ended the tournament at the semifinal stage and with two 1-0 victories retained the Copa America. Only 15,000 fans saw a four final with Chile.

It was Uruguay's ninth title, equalling the record of Argentina, who failed to find anything like their World Cup-winning form.

Argentina looked the soundest team tactically at the start of the 27th South American Championship two weeks ago. They won their group unbeaten and without conceding a goal.

But with a tired and unfit Maradona in low gear, Argentina only scored twice and the defence had yet to be fully tested.

Brazil, trying to pick up the pieces after losing three matches on a European tour last month, ran into the animosity of their own fans in Salvador.

They took time to find some cohesion and qualified in second place from their group, like Uruguay, who scraped into the final round after losing two matches.

Placings at the end of the qualifying stage went counter to the organisers' plans, the expected Brazil-Argentina match coming on the first of the three days of the final round.

But the traditional South American clash of giants drew more than 100,000 people to Maracana and Brazil responded with their best performance since 1986.

Brazil's subsequent win over Paraguay and Uruguay's two victories with some brilliant counterattacking football set up a clash of the two best teams for the final day.

Argentina last week had looked to be pulling out of a poor run that saw only three victories in 17 matches since the 1986 World Cup final.

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